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Top of the pay scale

Highlands East's Dave Burton may get title of highest-paid reeve

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Highlands East councillors have voted in favour of giving themselves a raise.

The decision was made at last Tuesday's council meeting after CAO/Treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig tabled a report entitled "Council Compensation Survey 2007."

The report outlines the current pay rate for elected officials in 17 nearby municipalities, including all four municipalities in Haliburton County. The report showed that Highlands East was relatively on par with its three neighbours in the county, but below average in the rate that they pay their reeve when compared with all 17 municipalities, including Lake of Bays, Huntsville, Bracebridge, and Muskoka Lakes.

As it stands now Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton makes $20,000, while Deputy-reeve and Ward 1 councillor Jim Mackie makes $16,000 and councillors Gary Stoughton, Suzanne Partridge, and Donna Graham each make $13,500.

Council is proposing to raise the rate of pay for councillors and the deputy-reeve by $1,000 a year, while raising the reeve's by $6,000. The move would make Burton not only Haliburton County's newest reeve but also its highest paid.

Nevertheless, councillors came to the defence of Burton, arguing that his busy schedule warrants a significant stipend.

"I definitely think the reeve needs more," said Partridge. "I think he should get $25,000. At that rate it's still an honourarium, rather than pay."

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HCSA mechanic Steve Searle checks out the newest member of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association groomers—the New Holland TLA 100 tractor. Sledders were riding groomed trails on the Rail Trail last week and by the weekend several more kilometres of trails should be open.

Rail Trail first in province to open

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Peter Zahn is excited to announce that, thanks to mother nature and the huge amount of fresh snow the county's received, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has opened the rail bed trail.

"Our snowmobile trails were the very first to open in Ontario as a member of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs," said Zahn.

The TOP B trail, which runs from Haliburton to Gelert, and the B103 trail, from Gelert to Kinmount, are now open on a limited basis and three of the six groomers are in action today.

Zahn said the trails have been groomed twice, are signed, and are ready to go. Only a month ago the club received its newest groomer, a New Holland TLA 100, a state of the art machine with a price tag of about $130,000.

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MNR lays 67 charges during deer season

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Officers also seized eight deer, nine firearms, alcohol and narcotics. They issued 149 warnings. They are still investigating other cases resulting from the blitz, including two elk that were mistaken for deer and accidentally shot.

Bancroft and Minden have 11 conservation officers patrolling 61 townships with hundreds of deer camps.

The ministry appreciates all the calls they received from the public during the hunting season.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time.

Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles

On Saturday, Dec. 1 Bancroft OPP officers responded to the report of break and enters at seasonal residences on Finn Point Road in Highlands East. Investigation revealed that three sheds were forcibly entered and one cottage was forcibly entered. Unknown suspects stole gas from the sheds.

The Bancroft OPP would like to remind the public to report suspicious activities including suspicious snowmobiles and ATVs.

That evening of officers responded to the report of a theft from a residence on Monck road in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that a male attended the residence on an ATV and stole a case of beer. The male suspect was caught by one of the persons at the location and police were contacted. A 26-year-old Hastings Highlands man was arrested and charged with theft under and driving while disqualified contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

Anyone with information about these break, enters and thefts is encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at (613) 332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-267-4357.

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Keep those chimneys clean

Creosote build-up can cause fire

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Last winter the Dysart Fire Department responded to 13 calls regarding chimney fires in Haliburton.

While there have only been two chimney fires in the county over the past few months, the possibility of more could be just around the corner so how often should one clean or inspect their chimney?

"Well, there are a lot of variables," says Sid Woolley, who sweeps and inspects chimney as part of Sid's Roofing & Siding.

Woolley helped clean his first chimney at the age of eight and has plenty of experience in the field. "The more you burn the more you should check but the type of wood is also important."

The best type of wood to burn is hardwood, such as hard maple or birch, but what's more important is that the wood is seasoned, or dry. He said to only use soft woods such as pine or cedar as kindling to get the fire started. Avoid using poplar or willow.

"The wood people are burning this year should have been cut last year," said Woolley.

Wood should be covered, not directly, and off the ground. A tarp thrown directly over a woodpile would provide insufficient ventilation as this would create moisture and the wood would not dry properly.

Woolley says a good sign of dry wood is if the logs are full of cracks and, when burning, a crackling sound can be heard. When wood is not seasoned, it sizzles. The wetter the wood, the more creosote is released.

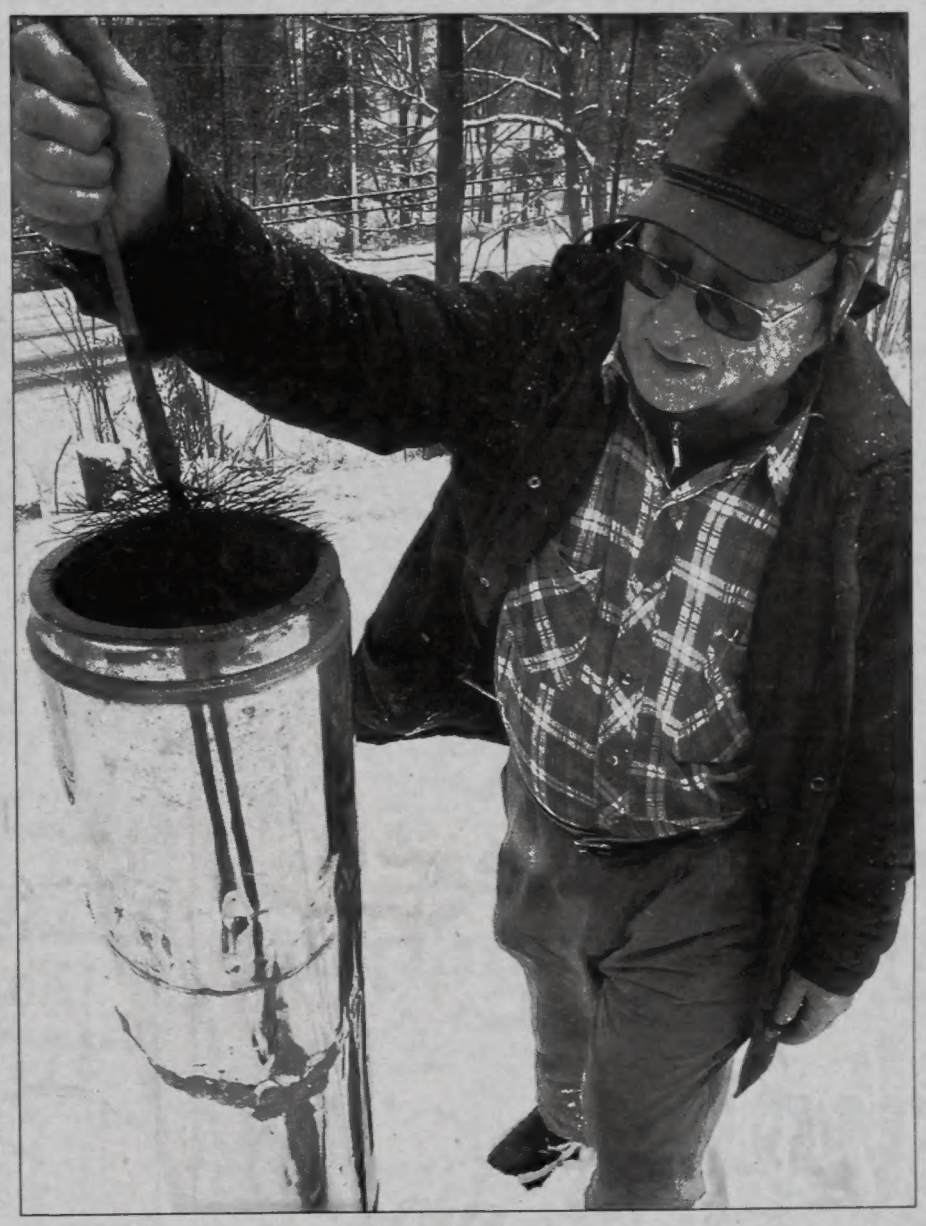
"That's the stuff that catches on fire mostly and gums up the chimney. Creosote is sappy and runs, but when it hardens that's when people get in trouble. It's tough to get off."

Mike Thomson of MAT Contracting says, "[Creosote] can build up and once it's there it's hard to get out."

Thomson says one of the scary elements about chimney fires is that sometimes people don't even know that they've had one.

Woolley says there are a several ways to determine when a chimney is bunged up. Smoke backing into the building is a bad sign. A way to test the ventilation of your system is, before lighting a fire, to light some paper and hold it to the vent to see if air is drawing up the chimney.

Another way to check is to tap on the pipe and take note of the tinny sound. But the best and most obvious way to ensure a clean is to have it inspected and cleaned professionally.



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The more you burn, the more you should check that your chimney is clean, says Sid Woolley of Sid's Roofing & Siding. He cautions against using pine or cedar, except as kindling to get the fire started. Wet wood should also be avoided because the wetter the wood, the more creosote it releases. A build-up of creosote is what causes chimney fires.

For the do-it-yourselfer there are a few products available in local hardware stores to help debung chimneys, but be sure to check the products are environmentally friendly.

How often one should have their chimney inspected and cleaned? Woolley stays firm with the-more-you-burn-the-more-you-should-check theory. Woolley even suggests that people keep a log of what kind of wood and how many hours they have been burning.

Thomson says getting it done at least once a year is a good idea.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said his department, and possibly other departments, are willing to assist people if there is any uncertainty of an unsafe chimney.

All three added that chimneys should be installed to manufacturers' instructions and that insurance companies are now adamant that chimneys have a steel liner.

Highlands East defends the need for council pay hike

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Stoughton said it should be even higher, and added that he felt all of council deserved an increase.

"If the reeve's going to get a raise then I think everyone should get a raise, or no raise period," he said.

Stoughton felt Mackie – who wasn't in attendance – was the councillor most deserving of a raise. "I'm not knocking anyone but the deputy-reeve's done a hell of a lot of work."

No one at the table disputed that, though Stoughton-Craig did note that Mackie is unlike most deputy-reeves in that he was delegated the position by fellow councillors, not the township's ratepayers.

"You have to remember that our deputy-reeve is not an elected position," she told council. "He only goes to county council and acts in Dave's absence, outside of that he has no deputy-reeve status."

With his new salary Mackie will pull within $500 of his elected counterparts in Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills, who each make $17,484. He will also make $3,000 more than Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis.

Burton will make more than $4,000 more than Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, and $6,000 more than long-standing Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Other Highlands East councillors will make relatively the same as their counterparts in Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, but $2,500 more than councillors in Dysart.

Stoughton-Craig said the last pay raise for Highlands East council was in 2003, just prior to a municipal election. The raise was approved by the outgoing council, she said, in order to save incoming councillors from having to make a decision that could make them look selfish. The move was criticized heavily by ratepayers at the time.

The current council may now have to deal with similar fallout. Just over one year ago, during an all candidates' debate in Wilberforce, political hopefuls were asked if they would vote to give themselves a raise in pay. Many candidates – including some members of current council – said they would not.

But as hard a decision as it is to make, Stoughton-Craig defended council and said that sometimes a pay raise is warranted if the municipality wants strong representation.

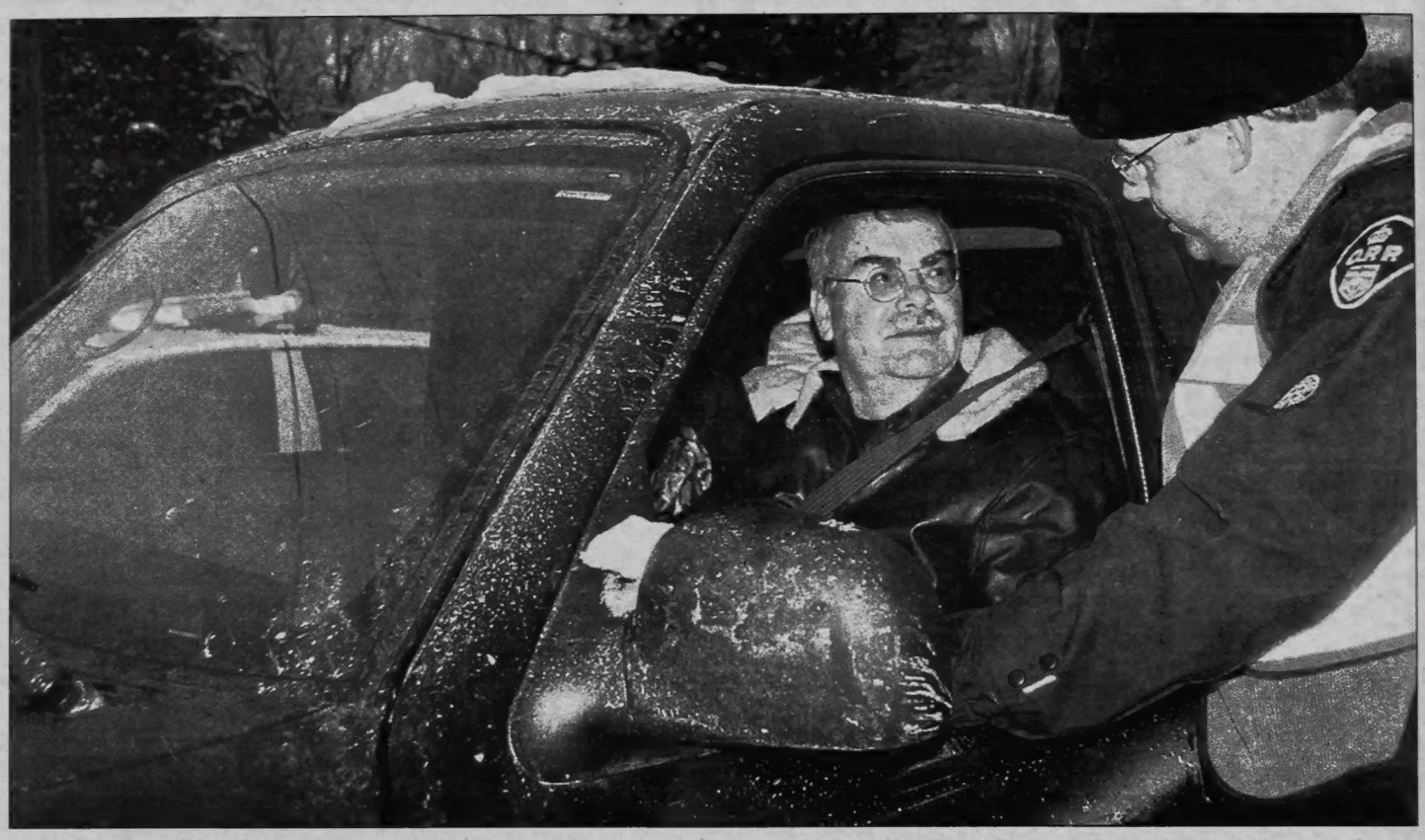
"If you want to get professional people to run for these positions then you're going to have to pay the price," said Craig. "It takes a lot of time and a lot of knowledge."

"If I was working full-time there's no way I could do the reeve's job," conceded Burton.

Council passed a resolution for Stoughton-Craig to prepare a bylaw that would finalize the new salaries. It will be voted on at the December 11 meeting and take effect January 1.

Stoughton-Craig was also asked to begin researching health and benefits packages for members of council.

OPP's RIDE checks hit the streets



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Every Christmas, the Haliburton Highlands OPP conducts surprise road checks throughout the country. Officers ask each driver, such as Gary Meathrel, if they've had anything to drink before getting in their vehicles. Most, like Meathrel, haven't.

A 32-year-old Dysart man has been charged with impaired driving and several other Provincial Offences Act violations after OPP drivers stopped a vehicle on Highland Street in Haliburton around 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 2.

The driver of the vehicle was spoken to by the officers and subsequently arrested. He was then taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

He will be appearing in Minden court on Feb 6, 2008 in relation to the charges.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment have stopped 1,021 vehicles so far during their festive R.I.D.E. campaign. One person has been charged with alcohol-related driving offences and two drivers have had their driver's licences suspended for 12 hours.

The festive R.I.D.E. campaign runs through to January 2, 2008. Officers would like to remind motorists not to drink and drive.

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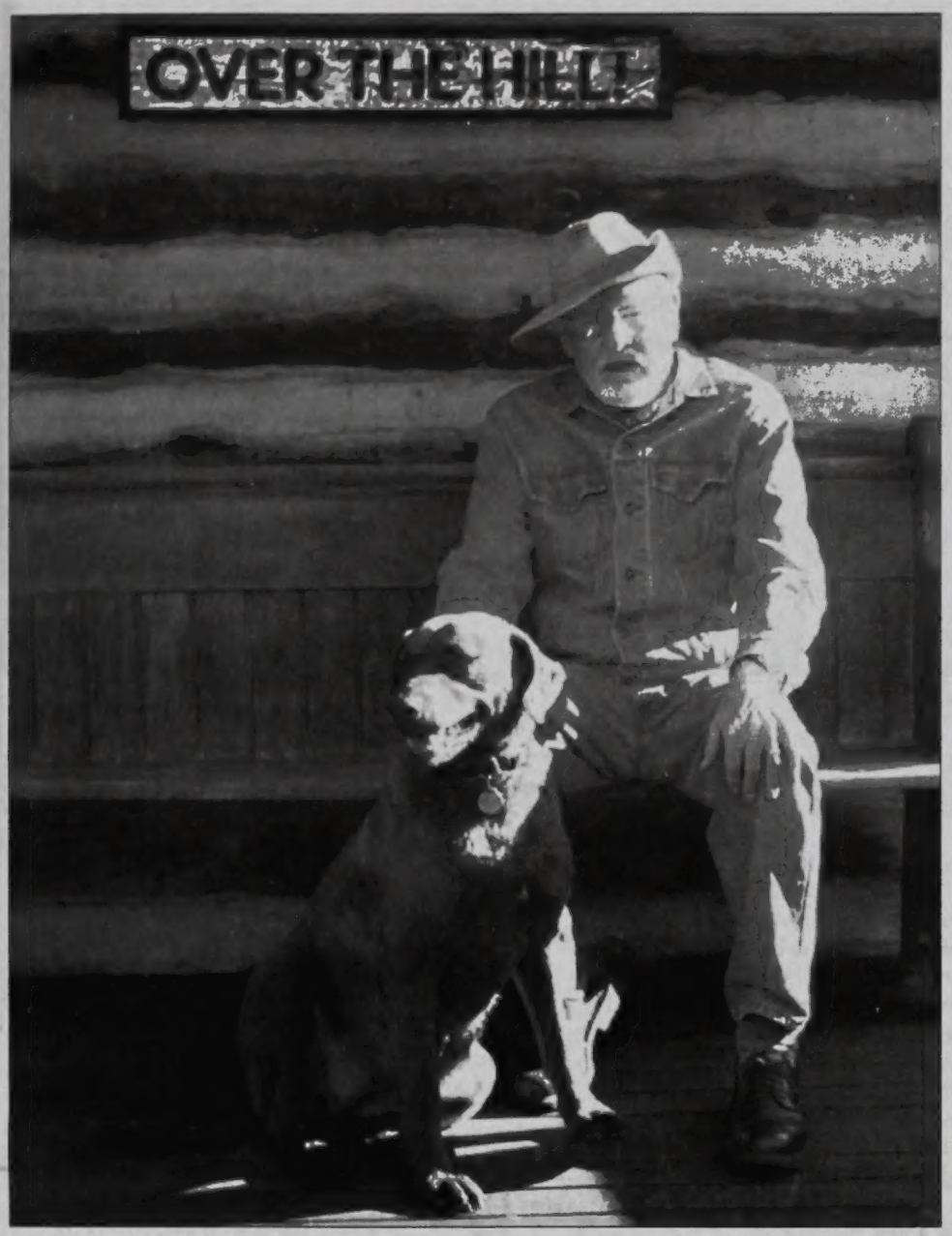

Stan Beard and his dog model for the cover of his collection of *Senior Life* columns.

County's newest published author takes pride in being Over the Hill

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Stan Beard may be over the hill but he's still young enough to think that if he can get some of the county's artists to pose nude for his new collection of humour columns he stands a chance of becoming this county's next publishing mogul.

Beard has gathered several of the Over the Hill columns he wrote for the *Echo's Senior Life* publication into a book by the same name. He had hoped that the book would be on store shelves in time for his 85th birthday on November 27 but he still had a few life lessons to learn about patience. The book, which he's self-publishing, arrived a couple of days later.

He knows that the stories of an octogenarian's life might not appeal to all readers which is why, in is usual tongue-in-cheek fashion, he's wondering if he should have added a centerfold of "the racy participants" of the Arts Exposed! calendar. (The beautifully-photographed calendar features local artists as they might appear in a life drawing course. They are all in the buff with paint cans, paint brushes and potters' wheels placed in strategic places.)

His own book was beautifully produced by Jodi Rupnow, a graphic artist based in Wilberforce. She took his columns, as well as the accompanying photos and drawings by Beard's wife Carolyn, added a few graphics and created a book that Beard can be proud to call his own. The book was printed by Hitesh Patel of Moonsoon Books and Beard is thrilled with Patel's workmanship.

Beard started writing the columns in the 1990s after being approached about helping to launch the *Echo's* new publication, *Senior Life*. The *Echo* was already familiar with Beard's creative bent and quirky sense of humour. He says that although he had no formal writing experience, "It was an offer an elderly newspaper wannabe could scarcely refuse."

Beard, who quickly became the white-haired darling of the *Echo* staff, worked alongside the "very able" associate editor Kerry Riley and the paper's production staff, who put the words into a pretty package. Beard, and readers, were thrilled with the results.

Senior Life was later changed to On the Go, which is no longer produced. Rather than have the columns languish in the newspaper archives, Beard says "It seemed like a good idea to wrap them up in a little book for family and friends. Jodi Rupnow and her Powerful Designs offered to help. I was so delighted with the results that we decided to publish with the hope of encouraging other families to collect their stories and photos."

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echo **editorial**

martha perkins

Bravo for people such as Michele and Mark Smith who not only care, but also put their money where their heart is. By re-opening the Highland Grove General Store, and being excited about its potential, they are helping us all retain a sense of who we should be as citizens of Haliburton County.

If we don't care about each other, who will care about us? If we don't fight to save the library in Highland Grove who will fight to save the school in Wilberforce or the arena in Haliburton? We need to do a much better job about caring what happens to our neighbours. Every cut that is made in services, such as libraries, diminishes us all whether we feel the effects of those cuts directly or not.

It always seems so sad when the communities within Haliburton County don't support one another. We already know what it feels like when decisions, made by people in urban areas, fly in the face of what it means to be a Highlander. How often have we ranted about some Queen's Park directive that assumes, for instance, that everyone is hooked onto high-speed Internet? (Just try getting a real person on the phone to help you at a government ministry; we're all supposed to navigate websites instead.)

But how can we convince urban Ontario to listen to our concerns when we won't listen to the concerns of our little hamlets or neighbourhoods? Do we have any idea of the values we need to protect if we're going to survive as a place where we can work as well as play?

Ask the people in Highland Grove whether they wish they had a children's story hour at their library, or more books on their library shelves, and they'd say yes, but not at the expense of losing the library itself. What's the point in having more services if they're no longer easily accessible? Yet if you were to see library usage simply as a numbers game, Highland Grove will surely lose. The numbers aren't there. But the numbers aren't always what really counts. It's people who make this county what it is, and we need to band together to make sure those people's needs are being protected. Again – if we don't, who will?

Early winter. *Photo by* MATT JAMES/ECHO

Cabin fever

WITH THIS MOST RECENT winter storm assailing us, we all face the danger of contracting cabin fever. As dreaded winter illnesses go, cabin fever is among the worst, followed closely by chapped lips, nasal icicles (also known as walrus disease), and scurvy.

Unlike all of those, cabin fever is dreaded because it takes on so many forms and levels of severity. For some it means three solid months of climbing walls, hanging from light fixtures, singing show tunes, and making arm pit fart noises – something that would be far less annoying if done with your own arm pits, by the way. Luckily, it isn't always this difficult to diagnose.

steve galea

outside chance

Once, a buddy of mine spent an entire winter reading intelligent books, improving his vocabulary, helping around the house, and fine-tuning his social graces. At once point, he even considered shovelling the driveway before he even had to. Clearly, this was a case of the feared malady.

Cabin fever can ruin a person just like that. Fortunately, I intervened and brought him back from the brink by inviting him on repeated fishing trips the following spring. Had I not taken the time to do this, by the way, he might have been totally unfit for hunt camp in the fall.

It's hard to know how it affects a person. For many, it takes a week or two before the symptoms of this debilitating ailment take full hold. For others who might be more weak-minded, one, perhaps two days at most is all that is required. It really just depends on your mental strength and willpower. For the record, I generally begin feeling its full effects, about six minutes after the first snowflake touches down.

The only sure cure for cabin fever is time spent doing something absolutely outdoorsy. Early this morning, for instance, I took preventative measures: I dusted off the old snowshoes, put them on and went for a brief but invigorating jaunt. Then my wife went and ruined it all by demanding that I do this outside.

Despite her lack of support, it didn't actually feel too bad being out there and experiencing a real Canadian winter. When you are braving the cold wind, sub-zero temperatures, and thigh deep snow, your mind just naturally focuses on the important issues of the day – like the sudden impact of global warming.

Now that I am recovering, my own feeling is that once you get used to it again, an honest-to-goodness Canadian winter is not such a bad thing. You just need to find a winter activity you enjoy to make the most of it. There's ice fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, hockey, skating, rabbit hunting, and thawing out in front of a blazing fire while being heavily sedated, just to name a few.

There's actually something empowering about getting out there in the elements, especially when you know that other people are inside drinking hot chocolate, keeping warm by the wood stove, and reading good books or watching television. At times like these, I always hear a little voice that says, "you might not be very smart, but at least you're rugged." Then, a little later, it whimpers, "I can't feel my extremities."

That's when it's timae to go inside and embrace cabin fever.

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When winter arrives

down our **road**

sharon lynch

WHEN LESTER HEARD the music start up on his car radio, he shook his head in disbelief. Christmas carols and he had not yet turned his calendar over to December. It seemed too early. He had come to expect such commercial madness on network television and large city department stores, where the day following Halloween launched a parallel world of all things Christmas. But not in his own small town.

He was so busy with his thoughts that the sight ahead of him did not at first register. Then he realized he had seen a sudden burst of snow at almost the same time he saw an older pickup half –buried in a snowbank to his left. Les slowed down and saw two men, one with a cell phone, pushing open the truck's doors. With his small car Les knew he could be of no assistance and while he felt odd continuing to drive past this unfortunate scene, he had no desire to attempt a stop on the slippery highway travelling downhill. So he kept going, knowing there were houses close by.

Everywhere he looked was white, with only spots of coloured siding or doors peering out through the ebb and flow of the white wind. Trees had been turned to lace and mounds of whipped cream around which the gusts twisted like mischievous elves. It was a winter wonderland.

Half a kilometre later, Les put on his turn signal but sailed right past the first entrance to his destination. Fortunately by the time he reached the second, he was able to make the turn, his car's wheels adding extra spins for excitement. He was glad to have arrived, to be off the highway and heading indoors. Already the snow had drifted over the walkway so Les felt like Good King Wenceslas as he made his way to the door.

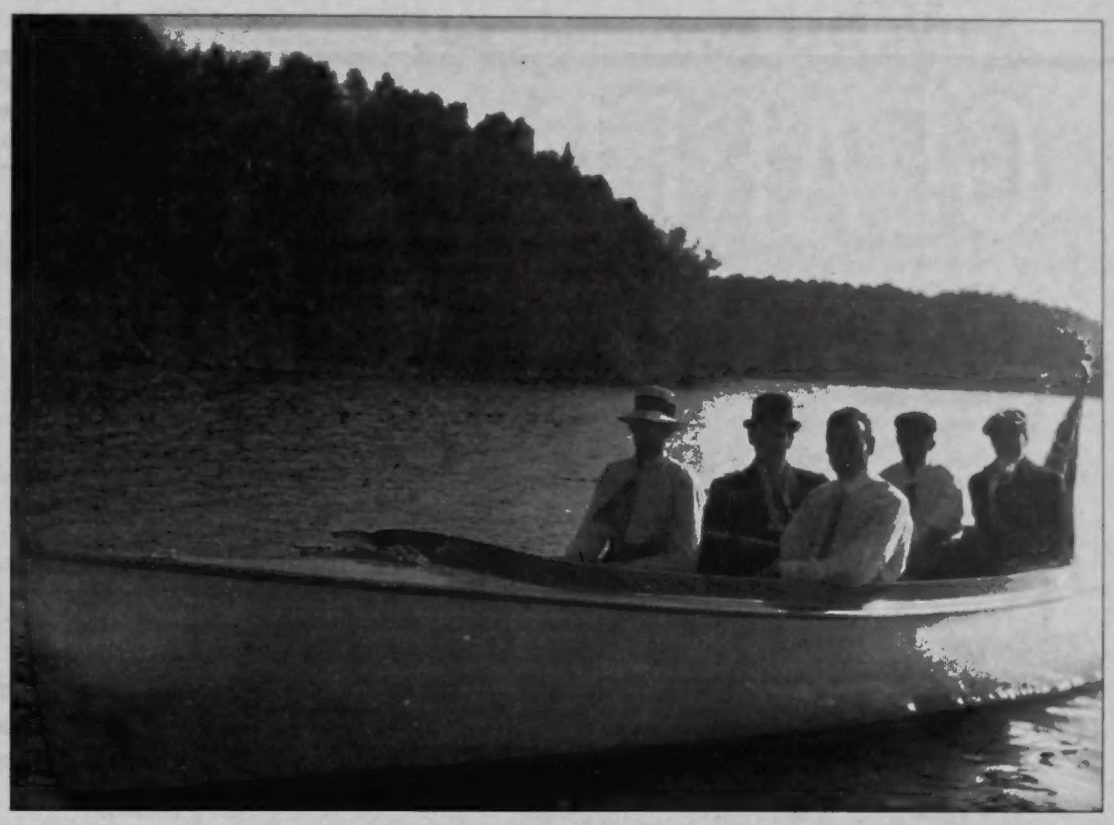
Inside the house felt cold. His friend had gone to the city the night before, and now the woodstove was out and the cat rubbing against his snowy leg seemed glad for another heat producing body. Taking off his boots and mitts but leaving on his jacket, Les made straight for the living room where the wood stove dominated the room like a big black troll. Fortunately there was ample newspaper, kindling and firewood and these, combined with lingering coals quickly resulted in flames licking at the stove's glass door.

He flicked on the overhead fan to circulate the air, took off his coat and plugged in the kettle. A strong cup of coffee would warm him faster than anything and after feeding the cat, he gazed outside the kitchen window as he waited for the water to boil. His friend and daughter had built a snowman in their yard the day before, placing an old black top hat on the head and a bright red scarf under the chin. It looked so like Frosty the Snowman that Les could almost imagine it jumping up and spinning around in the swirling snow.

Indeed this kind of day had a magical feel to it. The overcast sky resulted in a shadowless world with little dimension. As the erratic wind pushed around snowy streaks, it was easy to call forth secret meanings and invisible creatures as the world huddled for protection. It was a time to pull in and cover up while waiting for the storm to pass.

Which was exactly what Les did. There was plenty of food in the pantry and wood by the stove. The little cat was happy for his company and the coffee he now sipped spread a satisfying warmth. In the corner were several boxes of seasonal decorations. They got him thinking about lights and how they helped beat back the darkness at this time of year.

Sparkling lights made the white snow come alive with colour and life, however artificial. It lifted his spirits and made the world around him more festive. Perhaps he thought, stroking the cat and watching the flames bite into a maple log, all things Christmas were exactly what people needed to get them through the cold, stark and dark times. In some ways the climate and season made captives of everyone. Special rituals, foods, music and ornaments were a reminder that much of our old, old ways continue to have purpose in this harried modern world. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.



pic *of the* **past**

A group of men make their way back from a tour on an unknown lake in Haliburton County. Their boat undoubtly raises envy amongst boat enthusiasts. This picture is part of the Gorrie Collection on display at the Haliburton Museum.

letters **to the editor**

Is an hour long enough?

To the Editor:

Re: Gooderham & Highlands East First Impression.

Webster's Dictionary defines a tourist as one who travels for pleasure or to sightsee. Therefore it would seem to me that people who come to our community to hunt or fish or snowmobile, ride our trails on their ATV's, etc. can be classified as being part of a tourism activity.

Recently the ladies of Gooderham United Church prepared meals for 180 bike riders who chose to come to our community. Can we say these people are tourists? I believe we can. How many of these will come back on their own to spend a little more time? Who knows! Perhaps many of them, perhaps none of them.

The fact the First Impressions Team did not have time to learn a little more about our town on a hot September day is their problem, not ours. Why anyone would question the purpose of a sign prohibiting profanity in a public place is a puzzle to me; the town of Killaloe has a similar sign.

First impressions can be important, they can also be very, very wrong. I question the fact that you can form any kind of an opinion on a small hamlet such as ours in an hour or less. At least the team figured out that Cardiff is a very nice residential community, and that tourism is not high priority.

Michelle Smith says that I missed the point of what the First Impression Team is all about. Perhaps I did; however, so did the team miss the point I was making. I believe tourism is alive and well in our community. Once upon a time I too was a tourist, and now I am proud and happy to be a resident of Gooderham.

May I take this opportunity to wish Michelle and Mark Smith every success in their new venture with the Highland Grove General Store. May you attract many, many tourists!

Perhaps one or two of them will find their way to the wilds of Gooderham.

Chuck Viner
Gooderham

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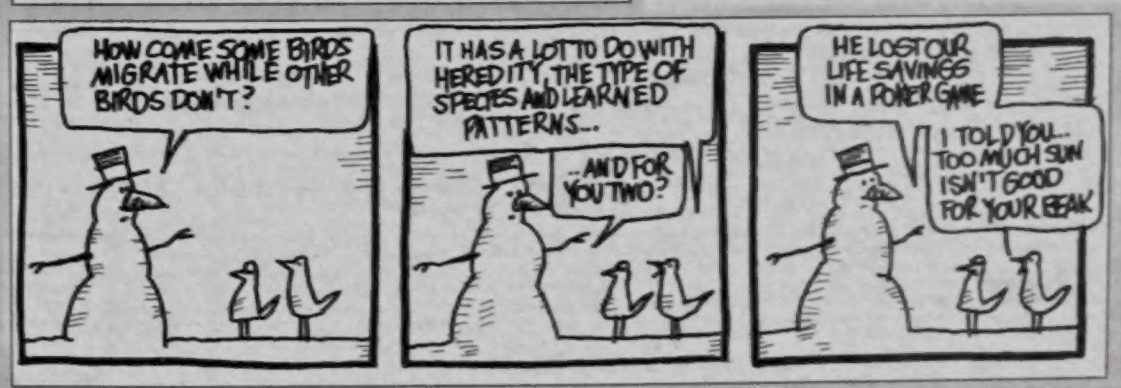

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To the Editor:

We should all congratulate Wolfville, N.S. for having the gumption to ban smoking in cars carrying young people under eighteen years of age. Anyone caught now faces a small fine of $50.

As CTV said when reporting this news, this is a no-brainer. Forcing a child to breath secondhand smoke in an enclosed space such as a vehicle is not only giving them an excellent chance of respiratory ailments and/or cancer later in life, but is subjecting them to the slow suicide all smokers take part in.

It boggles my mind that responsible parents actually do this, with the bombardment of information out there about the harm of secondhand smoke.

Dare I suggest that Haliburton and maybe Minden jump on this intelligent, proactive bandwagon to be the second and third towns to join this movement?

The provincial police are on board with this in Nova Scotia. Would our police be?

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

Born and raised with the Newfie way

To the Editor:

Karen Albert and I were off on a two-week vacation to Myrtle Beach. We stopped at the Bracebridge Wal-Mart to return an item, had a pit stop and got back onto Hwy 11 headed for our first stopover in Toronto. When we stopped to fill up with gas at Orillia, I noticed that my wallet was missing. Stroke-zone panic set in immediately because, in addition to the usual credit cards, driver's licence etc., I had some travelling money - $400 US in cash and about $50 CDN. I called Wal-Mart from a phone booth at the gas station and related my hysteria to a very efficient, calming woman who ultimately put me through to the store manager.

My wallet had been found in the family washroom by the pharmacist, Kraig Manuel, who then passed it on to the manager. All contents of the wallet were there. Apparently, the wallet fell out of my purse when I was washing my hands and landed under the counter.

How many people would NOT have turned in the wallet? Especially one with a considerable amount of cash in it? It's mind-boggling but this is about the guy who did.

We just got back home and I called to thank Kraig profusely and to find out where I could send him a little something for his honesty and integrity. He said "I'm a Newfie and that's the way I was raised - that's what I was taught." I asked him if he was a saint. Then again, maybe it was his Mom who is the saint for instilling this level of honesty in her son. Turns out he is in the process of moving to the Bracebridge area from St. John's, Newfoundland.

Furthermore, under the column of "small world" I discovered that Kraig was the pharmacist at Memorial University and knows Karen's niece who is doing her PhD at Memorial.

Sue Forbes
Haliburton

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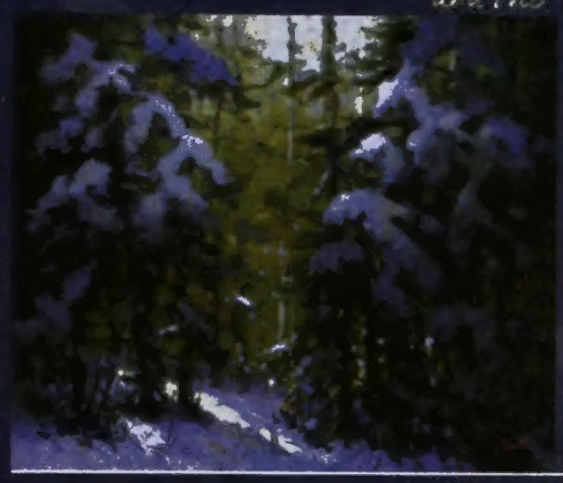

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Old store gives new life to Highland Grove

By restoring general store, Mark and Michele Smith keep the faith in the future

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Michele Smith was a little girl, there was something always reassuringly familiar about walking into the Highland Grove General Store.

First there was the smell of the bologna that owner Elmer Hughey used to cut and sell, mingled with the more down to earth smell of rubber boots that were sold in the back of the store with the hardware and clothing supplies. "It was just a part of home," she says.

In the summer months, the trap door leading to the basement would always be open to give the air cooled by the stone foundation an escape hatch. A chipmunk would often be waiting on the top stair for a peanut. Mr. Hughey would gladly oblige the request, sending the chipmunk scampering back down the steps.

Nearby was a set of stairs leading to the second floor of the sprawling store. Michele didn't know where they led but she knew she wanted to climb them.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

With their love of antiques and small towns, Mark and Michele Smith have created a destination store for Highland Grove. They've bought the heritage store, built in 1875, and filled it with groceries and antiques, with a tea room, ice cream parlour and bed and breakfast still to come.

So it's little surprise that earlier this year, when a real estate agent gave Michele and her husband Mark a tour of the building, she says "I was bouncing up and down saying, 'I want it, I want it.'"

Many people would think such enthusiasm for a boarded up building was misplaced, crazy even. But the Smiths not only have a passion for old things; they also believe that we can never give up on the county's small communities. Highland Grove might have been down for the count when its general store was closed a couple of years ago, but it wasn't out of business forever.

"The heart of any community is its general store and

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Small communities are worth believing in

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once you lose that you lose your identity," Michele says. "Highland Grove has hung on this long I don't want it to disappear."

Mark says we must all stand behind our small communities. "It's too common today to forget about the small guy. If we all do that we'll al be living in the city."

Believing in something doesn't make it true. If a stranger were to drive through Highland Grove – even someone from Haliburton or Minden – they might think it's a long bend in the road, with the Highland Grove store acting as the anchor at the bottom of the hill. There's probably 20 houses, a community centre which houses the library, the old Cheddar School that's being restored, and a mechanics' shop. How can such a small hamlet support a store, let alone accommodate the Smiths' dream of an ice cream parlour, tea room and bed and breakfast?

The Smiths say that much of Highland Grove is hidden from view. Think of the hamlet as the centre of a spoked wheel. All those spokes are leading to lakes, where hundreds of people live and cottage: Baptiste, Diamond, Jordan, Deer, Hudson and Elephant.

"A lot of the cottager families have been coming up since the 1930s," says Michele, whose father, Orland Lewis, ran a bait shop and boat storage. He was known and befriended by all, cottager and local, and his daughter cultivates the same warm relationship with her customers.

Climing into the attic is like entering a magic playroom. With 14" floorboards, pine cove-siding walls and a bead board ceiling, it has retained an old-fashioned atmosphere. Right now it's an antique showroom but the possibilities are endless.

Mark's not exactly a newcomer to the area. He was 16 when his parents bought Elephant Lake Lodge. His parents and sister still run the lodge while Mark and Michele developed and own the neighbouring nine-hole Cedar Meadows Golf Course. It was in Elephant Lake that the Smiths raised their two children, Steven, 22, who does contract work for the Ministry of Natural Resources after graduating from Fleming College's fish and wildlife program, and 19-year-old Kristy who's studying business administration at Georgian College.

As well as Mark and Michele's business ventures in Elephant Lake they owned a variety store in Wilberforce. Mark, who is also a school bus driver, has always loved antiques and friends quip that going to the auctions at Oscar White's south of Bancroft has become the Smiths' date night. Today, many of those antiques are out of storage and on the shelves of the Highland Grove store, half of which is dedicated to groceries and simple necessities and half to antiques. Mark opens one of the oddly-sized doors at the back of the store to reveal a room which is already being lined with the antique toys he'll be featuring.

Go through another door and you'll enter a kitchen, part of what's usually the home for the store's owners. (The Smiths plan to move here too.) The décor is a flashback to the 70s and 80s. And while the tables and floors are now piled with boxes, next summer the Smiths hope to see people enjoying tea and goodies here. At the mention of their dream of a bed and breakfast you walk up the wooden stairs to what used to be the rooms for the store's boarding house. Highland Grove was a stop on the I.B.&O.'s train route and the area was thrived as a logging hub.

There's a single old-fashioned tap at the top of the stairs. It just sticking out of the wall, with no sink in sight. This is where the boarders must have freshened up in the days long before every hotel room came with its own facilities.

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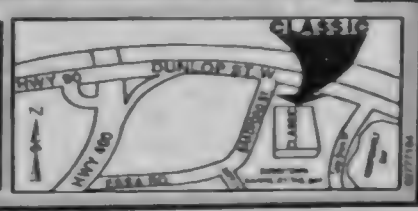

Even the resident ghost is happy the Smiths are there

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There is no bathroom on this floor; boarders made a trip to the outhouse.

Go around a corner and through a door that seems to have been made for very short people and you peel back a couple of decades from the store's history. The attic floors are made with 14" wooden planks. The cove-siding walls are made with pine and there's a bead board ceiling. This is the room at the top of the stairs that young Michele always wanted to climb and it's retained all of its sense of magic. The Smiths have it filled with antiques for sale now but they're not sure what it will eventually become. Whatever its function, it's bound to be the store's most popular destination. There's something about this old, old room that makes you feel like you're a kid again. It's the room in grandma's house where you could play make believe.

The tour reveals why it was so hard for Mark to draw a map of the building to satisfy the curiosity of their insurance company. From the outside the store looks like a giant shoe box but it took him three pages to try to come up with some sort of floor plan of the complex warren of rooms inside.

Many people believe there's a ghost living in the building. Her hair is in a bun and she's wearing a high-collared shirt – or at least that's what the Smiths have been told. They've yet to see her, although they have heard a few strange sounds. "We figure [any ghosts] are just happy someone's in the house."

With its mix of antiques and modern-day groceries, you really feel like you're shopping in an old-fashioned general store.

The original core of the store was built in 1895, making it one of the oldest extant buildings in the Highlands. Around 1905, the owners rolled another building down the street to attach to the side of the store. "They rolled it in and there it sat," says Michele, conjuring up an image straight out of The Shipping News. The building now has a total of 3,500 square feet. It's not in Highland Grove's downtown; it is Highland Grove's downtown.

When Michele was coming here as a little girl, the store was owned by Elmer and Hazel Hughey. In more recent memory, the store was strongly identified with owner Pat Furneaux. When she died, her son kept the store open for a while but he closed it two years ago. That's about how long the Smiths had been searching Ontario for a place where they could open an antique store. They were delighted to find it only minutes from home.

It's a major undertaking to bring such an old, big building back to life. The Smiths got a helping hand from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, which also believes in the future of the Highlands' small towns.

"The HCDC was instrumental in putting this together," says Mark while Michele is helping a woman who wants to put a lost dog poster in the store window. "They were very accommodating."

The Smiths took possession of the building on June 1 and had it open by June 15. "We didn't sleep much for those two weeks," Michele laughs.

When they moved in, there was nothing left of the store's original fixtures except for the original store counter and cash tray, where they store stamps, and the built-in shelves lining the wall. They've given it an old-time feel by mixing antiques with groceries.

With the closing of the store two years ago they lost the post office – you can see where the former postmaster wore through a layer of floorboards, one of the many fun stories about the building – but they hope they can convince Canada Post to let them offer parcel service. (Right now people have to drive to Cardiff to pick up parcels.) They have no plans to apply to become an LCBO outlet store, just as they will never stock cigarettes.

It's been quite an adventure getting suppliers to find Highland Grove on the map, let alone agree to make deliveries, but slowly and surely the store is getting back on suppliers' radar.

They'll use the winter to work on making the inside of the building look more like their dream of a tea room, ice cream parlour and treasury of antiques.

The Smiths may be enthusiastic about their future as Highland Grove merchants but they're not naïve.

Mark says, "If you're in business in this area you're in business to make a living in an area you want to live in. This is the place where we choose to live. It's simple, it's quiet and it's safe. If you're expecting to get rich, it ain't going to happen."

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Highland Grove library

Don't fix what isn't broken

MARTHA PERKINS
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Highland Grove residents like their library just the way it is, says Michele Smith. They don't understand why it might be closed in order to provide better service and more books at a centralized location.

When Mark and Michele Smith heard that Highlands East was being told that it had to close three of its four libraries, the first thing they did was draft a petition to keep the Highland Grove branch open. They put the petition on the counter of their store and within days it contained two pages of names.

They, and others in this small community between Wilberforce and Cardiff, don't understand why any of the libraries should be closed. The county's library board says it wants to consolidate branches so it can provide better service and more books in centralized branches. The community says it doesn't need better service or more books. It's happy with the library just the way it is.

"You'll just alienate the community," Michelle says of what will happen if the county goes through with its plans to fund only one library per municipality starting in 2009. (Dysart et al and Minden Hills, the two largest municipalities in the county, already have only one branch each. Algonquin Highlands has two and Highlands East has four: Highland Grove, Cardiff, Wilberforce and Gooderham.)

Highland Grove's library is part of its community centre. There aren't many full-time residents in the hamlet itself but the centre draws in many cottagers from the surrounding lakes. Michelle says, "If you come to this library in January there's a librarian and someone having a coffee but in June it's full of people."

It's not uncommon for the community centre, which is also being transformed into a small museum area, to attract 90 people to luncheon.

"I don't think the people in Highland Grove are asking for programs," says Michelle, who grew up in the hamlet. "They're not complaining about having to ask for books [to be shipped from other branches.] "I don't see how they'll save money because there isn't a spot in Highlands East big enough [for a consolidated library.]"

She says the community is also worried that the loss of the library will erode support for other services. "If you lose the library people are afraid [the municipality] will say, 'No one's using the community centre so why should we keep the community centre?'"

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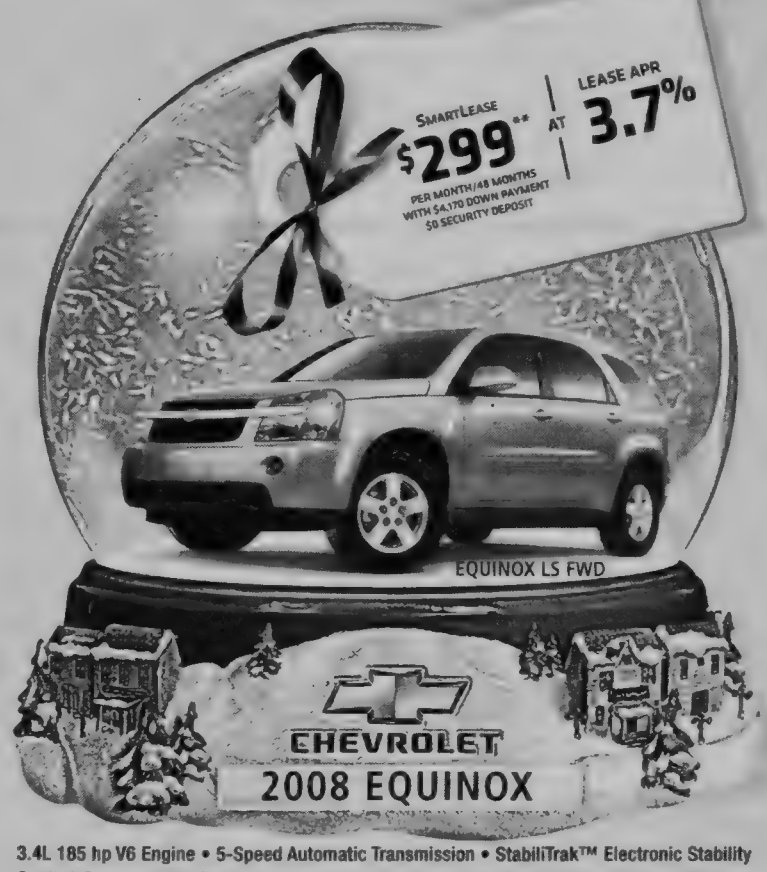

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On Ice

Catching up with Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

"I just have to unload this and then we can talk," says Matt Duchene, removing a hockey bag from the Brampton Battalion team bus after arriving in Oshawa for a game against the Oshawa Generals on November 25.

Unloading the team's equipment is just one of his duties as a rookie in the OHL.

A few minutes later Duchene and boyhood buddy Cody Hodgson walked towards me from the locker room sporting matching Battalion warm-up suits — the team isn't required to wear the traditional suit on the road.

What is a team Battalion bus ride like, anyway?

"It depends how long the trip is," said Duchene. "Today was a short ride so the guys were just relaxing."

The trip today wasn't much more than an hour. But a trip to Sault Ste. Marie is about a six- to eight-hour trip. On those ones they sleep, watch a movie or think about the game.

"I think we've got a great group of guys this year," says Hodgson. "So it's a good atmosphere on the bus."

It's been nearly three months since the

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Top line centre Cody Hodgson of the Brampton Battalion (19), spots the puck before Oshawa Generals' star and NHL hopeful, John Tavares.

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The OHL is more mature, faster, and more serious

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childhood chums became teammates on the Battalion. So, how's life in the OHL?

"It's a lot different," says Duchene. "It's a lot more mature, a lot faster, and a lot more of a business."

He speaks of the professionalism and seriousness of this level of hockey. Last year Duchene played with the Central Ontario Wolves' minor midget team where he scored 69 goals and managed 37 assists in 52 games. In a way, Duchene was at the top of the hockey food chain in minor hockey, but as a rookie in the OHL he's facing a little less ice time and some much bigger competition — nothing out of the ordinary for a rookie in the OHL.

"Here you get paid to play, you don't pay to play," said Duchene. Conversely, "The team doesn't owe you, but you owe the team."

Must say, that's quite the unique high school job.

Hodgson, a sophomore with the Battalion, scored 23 goals and added 23 helpers with a -21 rating in 63 games in his rookie year with the Battalion. This year, only a quarter of the way through the season, he's already managed 15 goals and 23 assists with a +4 rating.

What a difference a year makes, but what's the driving force?

"I think being more mature," said Hodgson. "Having a year already under your belt you know what's going on, you don't have to ask as many questions."

Likely some of the same questions that Matt is asking Cody. So how does Cody think Matt's adapting to the OHL?

"I think Matt's done really well," he says. "Some of his goals are highlight reel goals. He's got a hat trick and he's got a shootout winner against one of the best teams in the league."

Having known Cody for a long time has certainly been advantageous for Duchene.

"I've had a lot of good talks with Cody," admits Duchene. "He's been really helpful."

And while Duchene is just getting a taste for the OHL he's been seeing quite a bit of ice time. Duchene isn't on the team's top line but he is on special teams with the power play and penalty kill. To date, Duchene's registered eight goals and six assists with a rating of -7 in 25 games.

So has the competition of the OHL made him step up defensive play? Well yes, but according Duchene, there's already been much improvement.

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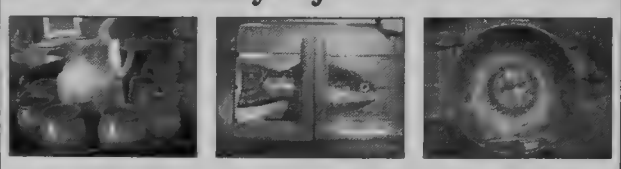

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'I try not to over-think things'

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"I think I've come a long way already," said Duchene about his defensive game. "But there's always room for improvement and all of the coaches have helped me so much with that.

"Basically the first year is a preparation year, you're second year is the most important and I think if I can go through all of the rough patches and bumps along the way this year then I can be fully prepared next year."

With a combined age of 33 years, Hodgson and Duchene are still young in the grand scheme of things. However, it's clear just talking to them to see how passionate they are about the game and how far they want to take it. And for Hodgson the final step may not be too far away as he's eligible for the 2008 NHL Entry Draft. It is his hope to go in the first round.

"It's an honour to get drafted into the NHL," said Hodgson. "I don't care what team, I'd just be happy to go."

The pressure facing teenagers like Matt and Cody would be tough for some people, but these guys have been in some high-pressure games; Cody has donned the Team Canada jersey on a couple of occasions and succeeded. How do they handle pressure?

"Anytime you're in a rink it's a fun situation, that's the way I look at it," said Hodgson. "You can't put to much pressure on, it's just a game."

"The more nervous energy I can keep out of my system the better I play," said Duchene. "I try not to over-think things."

And a little bit of pressure isn't a bad thing.

"We put quite a bit of pressure on ourselves," adds Hodgson. "But that's the kind of thing that separates guys like Matt. He just wants to get better all the time to meet the challenges ahead."

To help with those challenges they also have their teammates, the biggest motivator being defenseman Bobby Sanguinetti. In the bowels of the GM Centre an hour or so before the game, the Battalion camp starts to warm up with upbeat music, chants and the odd cuss to get the adrenaline flowing.

Centre Matt Duchene reaches for a puck during a game in Oshawa on Nov. 25. He's adapting nicely to the OHL and sees plenty of ice time on special teams.

But teammates are also there for the fun moments, like after a win at home. In the dressing room after a win the guys will turn on a TV in the locker room to watch the post-game interviews. Someone on the team will always find the unsuspecting player getting interviewed and throw shampoo or shaving cream in a guy's face.

"It's pretty funny," says Duchene.

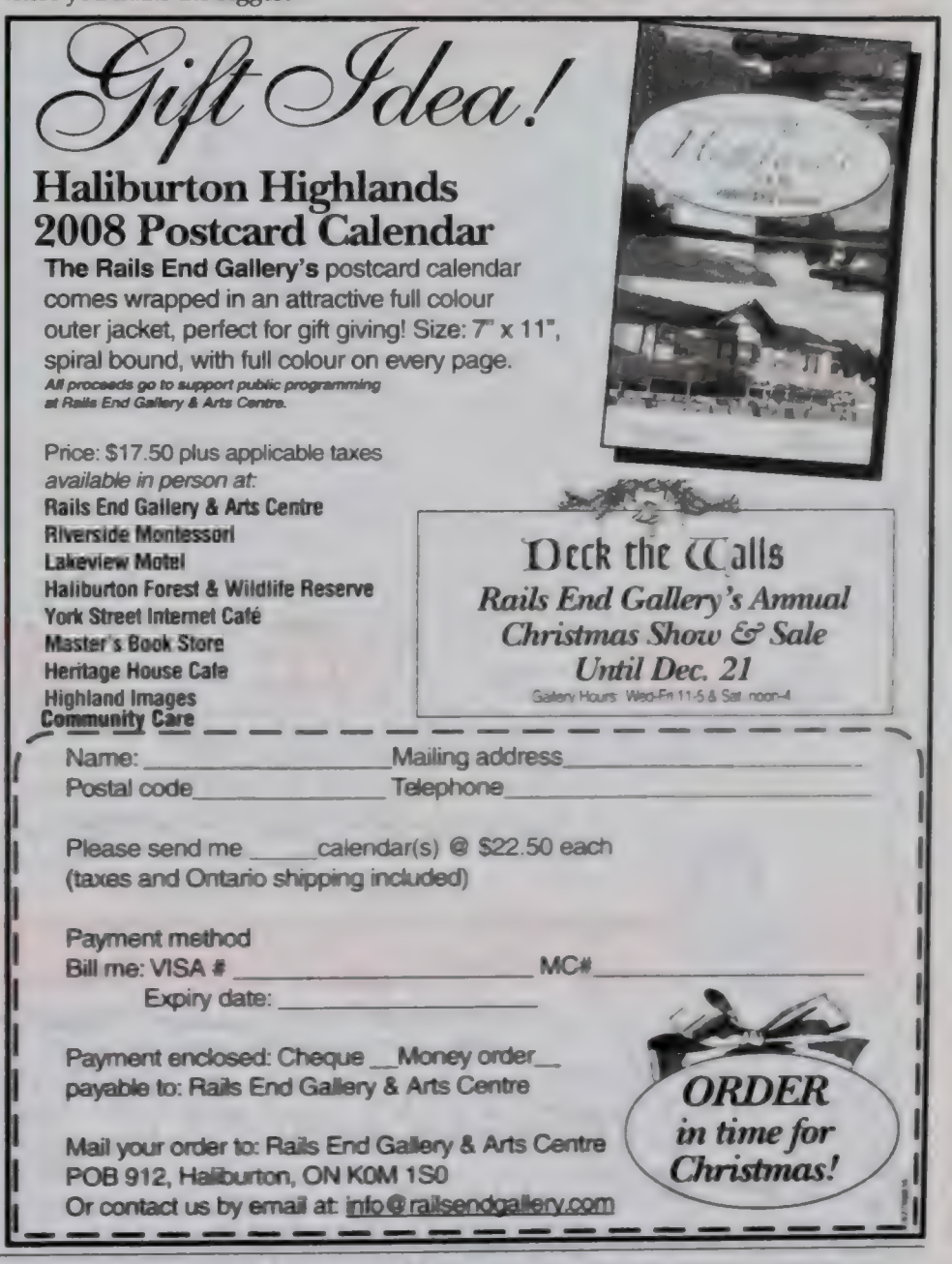
While the boys aren't thinking about the off-season with three-quarters of the regular season left to play (and, they hope, the playoffs), they did tell of their plans to return to Haliburton to stay in shape over the summer.

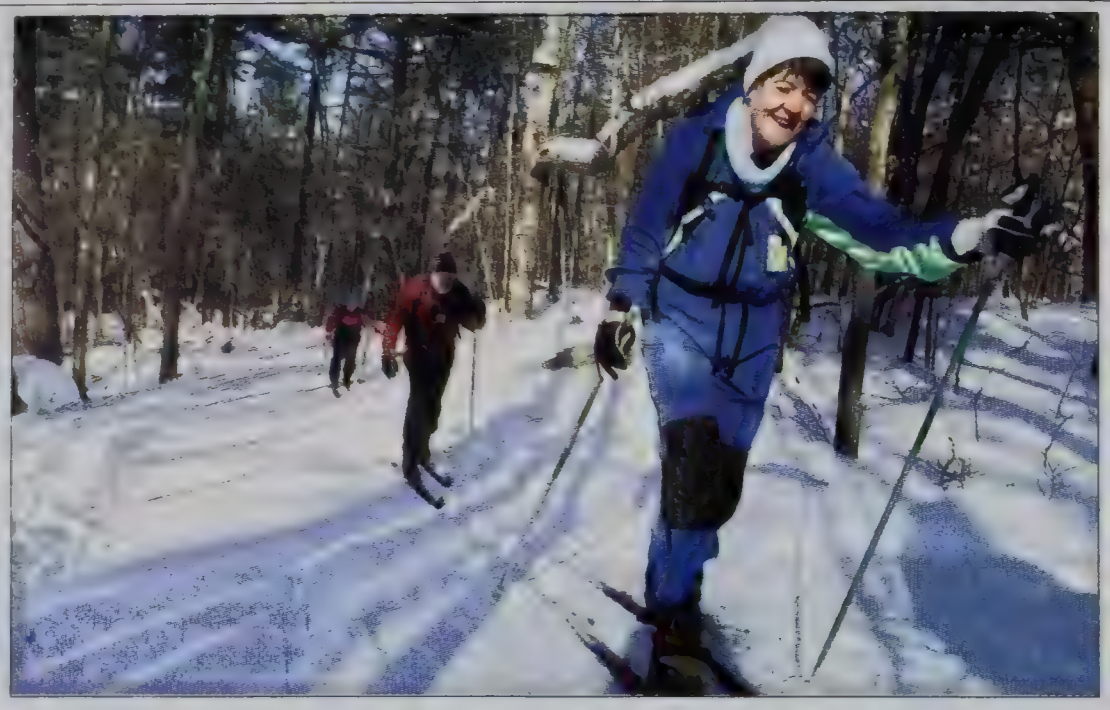
"That's one of the main parts of hockey – it's not just a seven-month job," said Hodgson. "If anything the off-season is more important. That's where you make the biggest gains."

Duchene will to continue to workout with Laurie Kah and the boys are hoping to trade a few shots over the summer months. Apparently even then the competition is fierce.

Final score: Generals, 3, Battalion, 1

The Battalion visit Oshawa again on February 15, 2007, so if the players permit look for another update





Cross country skiers are experiencing an early season this year, much to their delight. These photos were taken in previous years.

Christmas comes early for nordic skiers

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Blake Paton got his Christmas gift a little early this year, courtesy of Mother Nature.

As snow piles up across the county, the president of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association and Ski Club can rest easy that this winter will provide ideal conditions for cross-country ski enthusiasts like himself.

Paton says last year's "green Christmas" didn't affect the club's membership (it stayed strong at about 250 members) but it did lead to fewer weekend passes and ticket sales.

Not only that, but the shorter season also meant fewer opportunities to ski. And while the club has made great strides in adapting to warmer weather trends (including flatter trails with better drainage) last year's winter is still one that both Paton and the club would just as soon forget.

"It was tough but I'm not going to dwell on the past," he says. "This year's looking really good so far."

One of the reason's Paton says he loves cross-country skiing so much is because of the solid trail system that the club has built up in its 31 years of existence – particularly in the past 15 years. In his former life, Paton was a competitive alpine skier but says he "dropped that entirely" when he moved to the Highlands.

"The cross-country skiing here is top-notch," he says. "It only made sense."

While Paton says the sport takes a little extra work to get started than some other winter activities, it's all worth it once you travel the various trail systems that snake throughout the county.

"It changes your outlook on both the county and winter in general," he says. "It's something to look forward to, not something to dread."

The sport can also be a fun group activity. Throughout the winter the club hosts several group events, including mid-week outings on Tuesdays starting in the New Year and moon-lit outings in the evenings leading up to the full moon, starting with a fire at Moosewoods.

For newcomers, the club also offers both private and group lessons by instructor Jolene Thomas, who can be reached at joleenthomas@hotmail.com or 489-4850.

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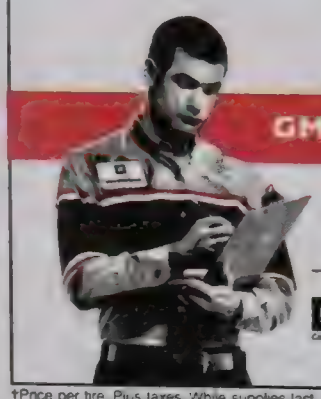

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The Highland Storm Atom As played six games over the last two weekends, winning five and losing just one.

To start off, the Storm competed in a tournament hosted by the Huntsville Otters, winning two of three to capture the silver championship. They started off slowly, losing to the Mariposa Lightening 4-1, with their only goal coming from Centre Curtis Ballantyne. Next up were the Glanbrook Rangers: two quick goals in the first period by Ballantyne and defenceman Joel Fedeski gave the Storm the lead, and in the second, two more by centre Devon Upton and a single by forward Joseph Patrick, assisted by Upton, saw the Storm enter the third period up 5 - 1. The Rangers then fought back with three goals to come within one but the strong Storm defence, consisting of Fedeski, Owen Flood, Matt Hunter and Blake Wood, along with the solid play of goaltender Logan Churko, preserved the 5 - 4 victory.

In the silver championship game the Storm faced off against the Elmvale Coyotes and soon fell behind 1 - 0 but before the period ended, two goals by Ballantyne claimed the lead. In the second the Coyotes again scored first, but goals by Patrick and another by Ballantyne restored the lead. In the third Ballantyne scored again and the Storm won finally won 5-4. Assists in the game were by forwards Noah Dollo (2), William Stephenson (2), Hunter Bishop, and defenceman Fedeski.

The next day the team travelled to Parry Sound for two crucial league matches. Earlier in the season the Storm and the Parry Sound Shamrocks had split two games in Haliburton, and the Shamrocks have since stayed very close in the standings. In the first match, goaltender Churko played a terrific game and completely shut down the opposition 3-0. Storm goals were by Stephenson, Upton, and Ballantyne, with assists by Fedeski (2) and Bishop.

In the second game Churko's sharp positional play continued as the Storm built up a four-goal lead with markers by Bishop (2), Dollo, and Ballantyne. But with just four minutes left Parry Sound finally beat Churko to deny him his second shutout of the day. The Storm responded with a late goal by Upton to seal the victory 5-1. Assists were by Patrick (3), Ballantyne (2), Fedeski, and Bishop.

This past weekend the Storm hosted the Huntsville Otters in a somewhat chippy match that saw the referees hand out a total of 11 penalties while the home team dominated the scoreboard 10-6. Ballantyne had a great day, scoring five times, Patrick got three more, and Flood scored twice unassisted. Assists were by Stephenson (3), Bishop (2) with singles to Dollo, Bishop, Patrick, and Upton.

The Storm are currently first in the league standings but Bracebridge at second has three games in hand. The Storm play only three more league games before playoffs begin in January. Next weekend they travel to Port Carling to play the Thunder and then, on Sunday December 16, the Storm host Bracebridge at 3 p.m. in Haliburton in what could well be the match that decides first place in the Muskoka-Parry Sound League. This should be a terrific game: the season series is dead-even as each club has won one and tied one and all three matches have had great end-to-end action. So come out and support a great group of boys who play fast, hard, and clean hockey. That's at Dysart Arena on December 16 at 3 p.m..

Storm to host Silver Stick tournament

This month, the Highlands Storm is hosting the annual Silver Stick tournament.

On Saturday, December 8 it's the round robin for Atoms and Peewees at the Dysart and Minden arenas. Games start at 8 a.m. and continue until 8 p.m. at night, giving you lots of opportunities to watch some excellent hockey.

The Atoms play at 10 a.m. in Haliburton and the Peewees play at 10 a.m. in Minden.

The Atoms also play at 2 p.m. in Haliburton while Peewees play at 2 p.m. in Minden.

Then they both play again at 6 p.m., the Atoms in Haliburton, the Peewees in Minden.

The Sunday playoff schedule at the Dysart arena only is as follows:

8 a.m.: Atom Semi-final
9:30 a.m.: Peewee Semi-final
11 a.m.: Atom Semi-final
12:30 p.m.: Peewee Semi-final
2 p.m.: Atom Championship
3:30 p.m.: Peewee Championship

The Silver Stick tournament for Bantams is the following weekend in Minden and Haliburton, with details to follow in next week's paper.

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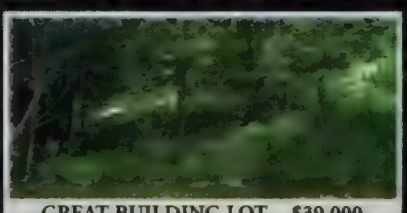

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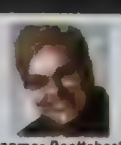

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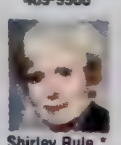

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Melissa Stephens and members of the Messiah Choir, or should we say the Highland Festival Singers, practise traditional and contemporary tunes for a Christmas concert.

Choir prepares for fa, la, la, la fun show

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Remember the good old days when carolers went door-to-door singing Christmas songs? No? Why not catch the Messiah on December 9 and 10 at the Northern Lights Pavilion instead?

The Messiah Choir is changing its name to the Highland Festival Singers. Maestro Melissa Stephens and the committee believe the group's old name misrepresents what they do.

The group, which currently has 55 singers, formed in approximately 1991 to perform Handel's Messiah and the name the Messiah Choir stuck.

"We do more than just Messiahs," says Stephens of today's performances. "We're more than a one-shot deal."

The upcoming presentation, dubbed the Sounds of Christmas, includes 17 numbers from Benjamin Brittain's Ceremony of Carols and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. Eardrums will recognize a mix of traditional and contemporary music.

"There's going to be a lot of fa, la, la, la, las," says Stephens.

Performing as a guest soprano for perhaps his last time is 12-year-old Justin van Lieshout. As always there will be audience participation.

The Dec. 9 show begins at 2:30 p.m while the Dec. 10 concert commences at 7:30 p.m. . Tickets are $15 and are available at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton, Pharmasave in Minden, or through Betty Mills at 754-2999.

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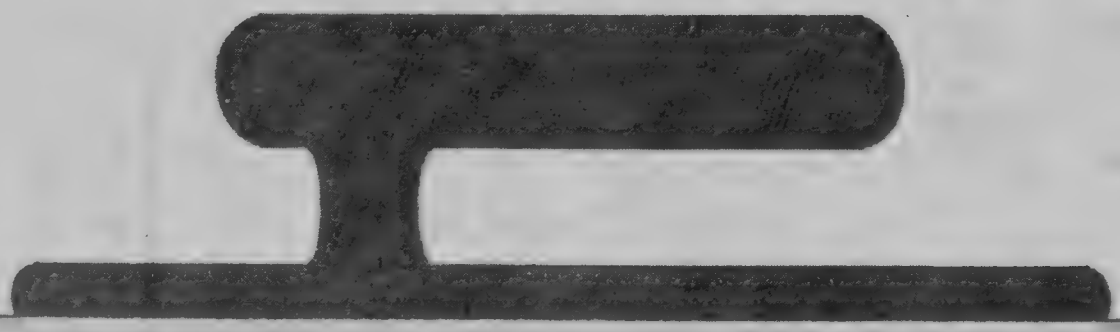
Santa comes to Gooderham Christmas dinner

The Gooderham Community Centre was abuzz with children waiting to see Santa Claus at the Christmas dinner December 1. The evening kicked off with horse-drawn sleigh rides, followed by crafts, dinner and Santa.

Above left: One child waits in anticipation for Christmas dinner.
Above right: Owen isn't writing a letter to Santa, he's drawing a snowmobile to decorate his bedroom wall.
Right: Avery Horner decorates a Christmas pinecone for the tree.

Photos by Jenn Watt



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Carol Stamp
457-2571

Well, after such an exciting month we are headed into the Christmas season. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our November 11th service and dinner. It sure was a great success and everyone enjoyed the dinner and the after-dinner speeches (even the airplane throwing contest).

Just a reminder to all members that the last general meeting until the spring will be held on Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm. Try and make an effort to come out and help your executive to conduct the business of the branch.

One of our members, Mark Holland, has been very ill and some of his friends have organized a fundraising dance to help out his family. The dance will be held at the Legion on Dec.8 at 8:30 p.m. with live music. Come out and support Mark and his family and have some fun.

Remember the Christmas meat roll on Dec.14 will offer prime rib roasts, turkeys and hams as prizes.

The New Year's dance tickets will be on sale Dec.1 at the bar. To reserve a ticket call Carla at the Branch 457-2571. This dance is open to everyone. This year we will be dancing to the music of Willy and The Poor Boys and a late lunch will be served. Tickets are $25/person.

The $1,000 Bingo will be held on Dec.19. Come out and try your luck and someone will have an extra bit of cash to spend at Christmas.

Our Branch will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed all day on Christmas Day.

At our November general meeting a $1,000 donation was approved for the 4Cs from our Lottery Trust Account.

Our branches wish all our community a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. See you in 2008.

Enter legion raffle for the ultimate New Year's Eve prize

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Mel Smith

The Legion's Wildlife Dinner was an evening to remember. Everyone had the opportunity to sample the well-prepared array of wild meats, fish, veggies and pies. Thank you to all the men and ladies who worked so hard at making this a special evening.

How would you like to spend New Year's Eve for two at the Delta Pinestone Resort? This would include your dinner, dance, accommodations, and breakfast. Well the opportunity has become available to you or someone for $10. Go to the Wilberforce Legion and ask the Bar Steward about purchasing a ticket on the raffle for the New Year's for Two at the Delta Pinestone. The winning ticket will be drawn on December 22.

The Sunday Brunch is December 9, the second Sunday of the month. Come out and join us for this monthly event from 9 a.m. until noon. Adults $6, children $3 and children under 6 are free.

I should also mention that we are having our own New Year's Eve party at the Wilberforce Legion. Tickets are available from the Bar Steward, $35 per couple and $18 for singles. There will be party favours and a light lunch at 11.

Lest We Forget:

Get well wishes go out to Jeanette Packard who is at home recovering from surgery.

There are many great upcoming events:

December 3: 7:30 p.m. Bid Euchre
December 4: 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting
December 5: 7:30 p.m. Darts
December 5: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
December 6: 1:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary
December 7: 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck
December 8: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 9: Sunday Brunch, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Adults $6.00 children $3.00 and children under 6 free
December 10: 7:30 Bid Euchre
December 12: 7:30 p.m. Darts
December 13: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
December 15: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 15: Dance
December 18: General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 19: 7:30 Darts
December 20: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
December 22: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 25: Merry Christmas to all!
December 26: 7:30 Darts
December 29: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 31: New Year's Eve Dance

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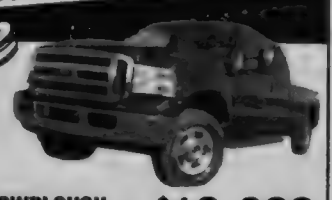

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Wilberforce native drives in the fast lane

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Hilda Clark

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At the recent Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft one of the drivers was Glen Clarke who grew up in Wilberforce. Glen even as a child was interested in cars and racing. But it was in the early 1990s that he started his driving career with Karts, Porsches and formula cars. He eventually began adventure races such as the Cannonball One Lap of America and Targa Newfoundland. He claims it was competing at Targa that raised his interest in stage rally which offered the new challenge of mastering the driving,navigation and teamwork required to be successful. Glen who owns and operates Open Road Motorsports has competed at many tracks including Pikes Peak, Watkins Glen and Birmingham, UK. He is also a Porsche Club PCA national instructor.

The Rally of the Tall Pines, which has been going since 1971, has been held in Bancroft since 1997. This competition over dirt and gravel roads is very challenging with daytime and nighttime stages in all kinds of weather. Clarke teamed up in an Open Class Subaru with Ray Felice, an expert co-driver and Targa veteran, for this 2007 rally. Clarke and Felice came in 16th overall in a race in which 42 cars started and only 31 finished. The Rally was won by driver Antoine L'Etage and co-driver (and wife) Natalie Ricard. They had come into this final race of the six-race Canadian Rally Championship with a 12-point lead. With the win they are the 2007 Champions.

Glen Clarke said that entering the Tall Pines Rally as his first rally was a sentimental choice because "I grew up in Wilberforce. As a kid I can remember standing at the end of my driveway watching cars racing by. At that time I never thought I would have the opportunity to take part."

This year another dream for Glen, son of Lee and Patricia Clarke, came true.

Come out and sing carols and hear the Christmas story read at the annual Community Christmas Carol Service at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday December at 7 p.m.. Stay for refreshments provided this year by the UC people.

Due to a planned power outage from 8 a.m to 12 noon on December 9 the 11:15 service at St. Margaret's Church has been cancelled. No electricity, no heat!

Phyliss Joyce Maughan of Essonville, after a lengthy battle with cancer, died at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday November 22, 2007. Joyce was in her 72nd year. She was predeceased by her husband Bill with whom she had retired to Essonville a number of years ago. She was a respected member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624. A Legion service was held during the visitation time on Sunday, November 25 and a memorial service took place in the chapel at Monks Funeral Home on Monday, November 26. Sympathy is extended to Darol Sisson, her long time companion, to her sons Gary (Donna) Maughan of Oshawa and Kevin(Debbie) Maughan of Madoc, to her grandchildren, to her many siblings, including Marg Jones and Ruth Vaughan of Wilberforce, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The annual Christmas Open House at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost is Thursday, December 6 from 1 to 4 and 7 to 9. Enjoy the natural spruce tree decked out in handmade or older ornaments and smell the spruce boughs. In the afternoon pleasant conversation over seasonal refreshments will be the order of the day with likely some spontaneous stories of Christmases past. The draws for the paintings so generously donated by the artist John Young will be held. In the evening join the young people in games and song.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild appreciates the efforts of all who participated in the Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre last Saturday. What wonderfully varied items the vendors had available for shoppers. The monkey went home with Linda Stickwood. St Margaret's ACW was delighted that so many enjoyed the food they had ready. And wasn't it fun to see the children and adults intrigued by Doug Stephen's model railway? Doug is so good with the kids. Thanks also to Highlands East for having the parking areas so nicely snow plowed by 7 a.m.. It was a good day.

A number of special year-end events are coming up at the Harcourt Chapel. Charles Hughes reminds us of their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 16 at 7 p.m. featuring a program by the children and youth followed by treats and gifts for the children and refreshments for all. There will also be a Candlelight Carol Service at the Chapel on December 23 at 7 p.m..

What a variety of activities the students at the Wilberforce School are experiencing as they learn many valuables skills, gain knowledge and develop good attitudes. The recent school newsletter sent along by Barb Davies also lets us know about some upcoming events such as their Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It also included a big thank you for all the parental and community help that has been given for the children this year. It seems it really does "take a village to raise a child."

Santa Claus is coming to town this Sunday. See him in the parade about 12:30 and then at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Always lots to do there - and with the generator the organizers will have everything ready for Santa and the children. Have fun. Enter a float.

All ATVers should be reminded that the Haliburton County Rail Trail is closed to all ATVers as of November 30 unless an exemption is granted by the County of Haliburton. By-law officers will be out to enforce the by-law with stiff financial penalties. All ATVers need to support this by-law to ensure continued access on this trail.

The Haliburton County Rail Trail will re-open for ATV use on June 1, 2008.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: December 10th, 2007

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are part of original allowances for road located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: Harcourt Park Inc. (Kennedy)
Location: Allen Lake

- Original Shoreline Road Allowance
- Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In front of Lot 3, Concession 8.
- Plan Allen Lake, Parcels 19 & 20
- Geographic Township of Harcourt.
- Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by CT Strongman Surveying Ltd., dated September 4, 2007, being available for review in the Planning Department

Applicant: McNaughton
Location: Drag Lake

- Original Shoreline Road Allowance
- Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In front of Lot 8, Concession 11
- Geographic Township of Dudley
  Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., dated June 19th, 2007, being available for review in the Planning Department

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 27th day of November, 2007

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The Highlands Wind Symphony performs its 9th annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 17 in the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton.

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The Highlands Swing Band also is featured playing some terrific swing charts of Christmas favourites, including 'Sleigh Ride' and an up-tempo version of Tchaikowsky's Nutcracker called 'Nutcracker Rock'.

Joining the band this year is Canadian soprano soloist Cicela Mansson. Mansson was born in Sweden, grew up in Canada and now lives in Bobcaygeon where she follows a solo career singing classical, jazz and folk styles. She studied classical voice at McGill University and now also acts as assistant conductor of the Trillium Youth Choir. Mansson will sing a number of Christmas pieces.

Tickets for this wonderful concert are available at Masters Bookstore, Haliburton and Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. Adults, $10, students $5, and family rate, $20. For more information call 457-1671 or e-mail wildwoodfarm@sympatico.ca

Christmas memories hang from our trees

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Valerie Smith

When what to my wondering eyes should appear? "A miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer" is the normal response.

However, that is not what I came upon when I dropped into my daughter's home the other evening. I found my granddaughter looking very angelic as she sported a Christmas wreath upon her head and an over abundance of ornaments randomly placed on their Christmas tree.

As we tried to convince her that she had plenty on the tree she held fast to her belief that they all had to be used because they all were important.

She was so rapt on transforming her Christmas tree into a work of art that she forgot I was there. I continued to watch her and as I listened to her sing her version of O Christmas Tree, I envisioned young children from all over the world hanging, with the same kind of love and care, their Christmas tree ornaments to beautify their trees. I thought of how love, care, and a sense of strong values all belong at the heart of the Christmas season. I thought of how her mother and uncle enjoyed trimming our Christmas trees over the years and I remembered my family's delight in doing the same thing when we were youngsters.

Decorating with holiday ornaments comes to us through family traditions that are deep routed way back in yesteryears. As I watched Rachel hang one of her ornaments made from a recycled plastic bottle tied with one of her grandpa's neck ties, I remembered a time long ago when my sisters and I used attractively decorated toilet tissue holders, strings of popcorn, homemade Chinese lanterns and miles of brightly coloured paper chains to decorate our Christmas tree. These lively creations hung beside my mother's favourite and treasured glass ornaments.

I remembered over the years of dreaming of a picture perfect Christmas tree that would be adorned using one holiday theme such as little red and gold bows. However; like the trees that I have seen in most homes, our tree was always covered with an endless variety of unique ornaments. Tiny miniature characters depicting angels, snowflakes, stars, crosses and round balls made from all sorts of materials such as glass, wood, paper, and ceramic. Just as Rachel in her short seven years has keepsake ornaments filled with memories, her mother, my mother and I have keepsake ornaments that we loving unpack and hang each year. As the tree comes alive with all the many trinkets, a multitude of special memories are brought to mind and the joy of past Christmas,s comes alive again. And exactly as my grandmothers told stories of their decorations, we tell stories about ours.

A Christmas ornament can bring back many fond and wonderful memories! Hanging holiday decorations with family and friends can lead to people sharing stories of the decorations, thus passing down to future generations a host of holiday traditions.

Upcoming events in Harcourt:

December 5: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

December 6: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only $2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch. For more information call Mel or Valerie Smith at 448-3640

December 31: New Year's Eve Dance at the Harcourt Community Centre. Dance to the great sounds of live band "Generations". Light lunch and party favours. Time: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission $30 per couple.

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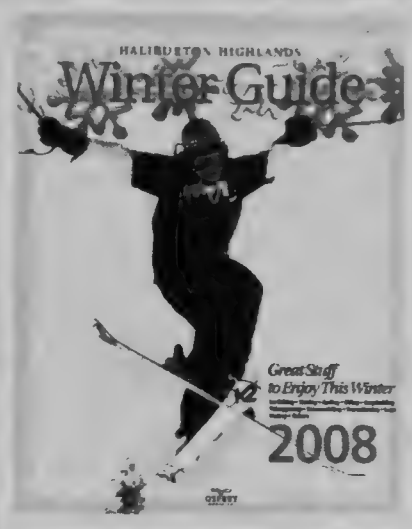

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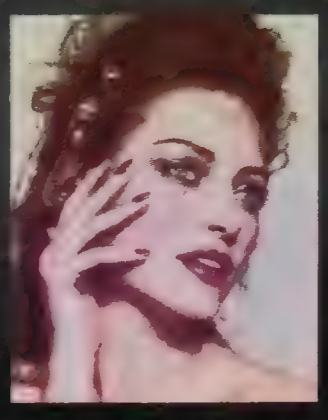
At Lise Watier, for example, this season's style features a profusion of matte and glossy finishes. Opulence is part of it, as well as a sense of detail. In this season's makeup collection, called Barock, there are influences from the specialized trends seen on the runways of fashion shows, paired with hints of classic beauty.

Once hues are toned down with tinted powder, the beauty adorns her eyelids with rich crimson or copper tones, or even her favourite shade of green, from classic khaki to deep turquoise. Then, before lengthening and darkening her lashes, the seductive "rocker" unrepentantly rewards herself with the shimmering glamour of a gel eyeliner applied by brush, whether in black, emerald, onyx or amethyst.

The jet-set colour palette includes, as well, tones of plum, pale or deep, from which everyone can choose according to their skin tone and mood, to be a star from lips to fingertips. For an extravagant but subtle effect, tinted lip gloss is all the rage. In layers, however, this will enhance the vividness of lipstick. Not for the timid!

At this year end, all women can shine with their makeup. All that's needed is to remember that beyond the hype, harmony in colours and composition remains key to achieving a successful look.



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'07 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING

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BI-WEEKLY PRICE $197

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'03 CHRYSLER CONCORDE LXI

FWD, 3.5 L V6, 4 SPD AUTO, 99,600KMS
STK# 2383A
BI-WEEKLY PRICE $127

'02 SATURN SC1 3 DOOR COUPE

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STK# 2346A
BI-WEEKLY PRICE $95

'02 KIA SPECTRA

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'99 TOYOTA SOLARA

FWD, V6, 5 SPD MAN, 148,955KMS
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'07 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN

FWD, 3.3 L V6, 4 SPD AUTO, 91,700KMS
STK# 2415
BI-WEEKLY PRICE $197

'05 CHEVROLET UPLANDER

FWD, 3.4 L V6, 4 SPD AUTO, 76,930KMS
STK# 2382A
BI-WEEKLY PRICE $139

'05 DODGE CARAVAN

FWD, 3.3 L V6, 4 SPD AUTO, 66000KMS
STK# 2378
BI-WEEKLY PRICE $139

'03 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SPORT

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What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- Dec. 4: Haliburton OEYC Parent Talk Time – Potty Time. Tues. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Are you wondering if your child is ready or how to start training- Have you already started but need some tips & ideas to keep it going? Join our Parent Talk Time as she shares ideas to assist with potty time in your home. For more info call 457-2989
- Dec. 5: The Haliburton Highlands Writers & Editors Network is hosting its third annual "A Writer's Christmas" to resurrect those memories & traditions to share with others. It will be an evening of dinner readings & music. Location: The Pepper Mill Restaurant in Cartarvon. A silent auction will be featured to support HHWEN events in 2008. Call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 for tickets or info. Advance tickets sales only.
- Dec. 5 & 6: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Open Houses. Please join us & see your $$ at work at your Health Care & Hospital Facilities: Minden: Upper level, Wed., Dec. 5th, 6-8 p.m., Haliburton Main Entrance: Thurs., Dec. 6th, 6-8 p.m. View the Digital Radiography Technology. Auxiliary Gift shop is open. Enjoy a coffee & enter your name in for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket from our sponsor: Fleurtion Island Coffee. For info call 457-1580 or 286-1580.
- Dec. 6: Christmas Open House – Historic Red Cross Outpost House Museum. Thurs., 1-4 & 7-9 p.m. Enjoy old-fashioned decorations & tasty refreshments.
- Dec. 6: The University's Women's Club of Haliburton Highlands will enjoy a pre-Christmas lunch at the Grill on the Gull in Minden. For tickets call Gerry Hogaboam, 754-1066.
- Dec. 8: Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach – Lloyd Watson Centre Dec. 6 & 20. Drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks & guest speakers. Call 457-2989.
- Dec. 6: Ladies Fellowship. Thurs., 7:30 p.m. West Guilford Community Centre. Celebrating Christmas. Please bring 1/2 doz. of Christmas baking & unwrapped toy for 4Cs. Call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2388.
- Dec. 6: Join the Community Care Diners Club for lunch at the Minden Legion at 12 noon. These luncheons offer fun, friendships and great food. Call 457-2941 if you would like to attend Diners Club.
- Dec. 6 & 7: Health & Safety Training available to Employer/Employees in the County. WHMIS training is being offered on Dec. 6 & 7 from 1-4. If you are interested please phone 457-5345 to register or e-mail info@pointintime.ca.
- Dec. 7: Wilberforce Ecumenical Service & Christmas Carol Service, 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow.
- Dec. 8: The Art Hive Gingerbread House Art Challenge. 1 – 4 pm. A Gingerbread House decorating challenge open to all individuals or teams. Materials will be supplied but you may bring your own special decorations. Houses are to be created at The Art Hive and will be on display until December 15. Members of the public may enter a draw to win one of the houses by making a minimum $5.00 donation to The Food Bank. Advance registration required: please call 754-0021.
- Dec. 8: Abbey North Drummers CD Release Party at 8 p.m. At the Art Hive. Hear a live performance of selections from Abbey North Drummers' new CD 'On the Frontline' inspired by Stephen Lewis and dedicated to GrandMamas and Orphans. Help celebrate a highly successful musical project and raise funds to support HIV/AIDS projects in Africa. Admission is by donation. A minimum donation of $25.00 is requested per CD. Space is limited, book now! Please call 754-0021.
- Dec. 9: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden at 4 p.m. Join us for a traditional carol service using the form developed for King's College in Cambridge, England. St. Paul's Choir & Elaine Bell, organist & choir director, will be joined by four soloists who are local young people: Erin Stephen, Janice Kiteley, Nicole Jennings, & Travis Stephen. Free will offering. Refreshments follow.
- Dec. 10: Health & Safety Training available to Employer/Employees in the County. On Dec. 3 & 10 there is Level One Training for members. If you are interested please call 457-5345 to register or e-mail info@pointintime.ca.
- Dec. 12: Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing & developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Haico Plaza) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- Dec. 12: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. We are having our Christmas party for our members, which is sure to be a great time. For info call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Dec. 12: Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fasioned Christmas Carol Sing-Along", Wed., 7:30 p.m. Lochlin Road off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider & Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Bank gratefully accepted.
- Dec. 12: The Minden Women's Institute Christmas Potluck Lunch will be held at the United Church on December 12 at 11.30 am. Members are invited to bring a friend to join in the fun. Please call to confirm attendance. We hope to see some new faces, so please contact Del at 286-4884 or Pam at 754-1656.
- Dec. 12: Join the Community Care Diners Club for a family style Chinese lunch at Win Yeung's in Haliburton, the lunch begins at 12 noon. These luncheons offer fun, friendships and great food. Call 457-2941 if you would like to attend Diners Club.
- Dec. 12: All Community Care Volunteers are invited for a Christmas Luncheon in the Drop In Centre at Community Care. Come enjoy a wonderful free lunch, meet other volunteers, and have a visit from Santa.
- Dec. 13: Health & Safety Training available to Employer/Employees in the County. Standard First Aid training is being held on Dec. 13 from 8:30 to 4 p.m. If you are interested please phone 457-5345 to register or e-mail info@pointintime.ca.
- Dec. 13: Minden Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing & developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- Dec. 15: Fleming College's Haliburton School of The Arts is holding a pre-Christmas Art Show & Sale. A wide range of colorful & exciting works will be exhibited, showcasing the talents of its students. The show will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the main campus' Great Hall, is located off of Industrial park Road, on College Drive. Just follow the signs. Call 457-1680.
- Dec. 18: The Highlands Male Chorus and CBC Radio's LIKE THE DICKENS at Haliburton United Church, Tues., 7:00 p.m.. The Dicken's Christmas Story as read by CBC's Christopher Thomas and four other local personalities. There will be music, carols and refreshments to follow. Proceeds to the four food banks in the county. Donations of non-perishable food gratefully accepted. For ticket information call 286-3248 or 457-4719 or e-mail ron.clark@sympatico.ca
- Dec. 20: Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach – Lloyd Watson Centre. Drop-in & see us every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989 for info.
- Dec. 22: Blood Donor Clinic – Haliburton Legion, 16 Mountain Street, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23: Highland Lakes Community Church presents "Celebrating Christmas in The County." Sun. at 10:30 a.m., at the Minden Hills Community Centre in Minden. All are welcome to attend this family Christmas season event (our very first!) Special musical guests from Halls Lake, Our children's program, Carol singing, a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story & more! Festive goodies & refreshments avail.
- Dec. 24 - St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden welcomes everyone to their Christmas Eve services at 7 p.m. and 11p.m. We are delighted to welcome back English bass-baritone Martin Elliott as our guest soloist at both services.
- Jan. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. For our program we will have a sharing of ideas from various members who have attended workshops outside of our Guild. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. & guests & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Feb. 13: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. We will be working on a Sudoku quilt with the meeting starting at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Mar. 12: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. Our program will be tips & techniques round robin. The general meeting starts at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Apr. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. and our visiting speaker will be Renske Helmuth who will do a trunk show. Renske will also do a workshop on the following day. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- May 14: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. This month is our Annual General Meeting, & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Take a fresh look at Haliburton County. A new picture every day at: jackbush.my-expressions.com/
- Do you have a connection to Haliburton County & have submitted your name to be embroidered on the Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt- The cutoff date is: Dec. 15. More than 500 are now on the quilt which will be displayed in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This is a Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild project with all proceeds donated to Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative in Haliburton. Call Sharon Middlehurst at 286-1531.
- Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.
- Early Learning Adventure Mornings. Parents, come join us on an adventure with your toddler and/or preschooler to discover how learning can be exciting & FUN!
- Haliburton Legion, Br. 129 – Every Wed. night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Alzheimer's Disease – "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at Community Care at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Living with Cancer – A Support Group for cancer survivors & those currently living with cancer meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info, location, & to register for the Group, call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands – For adults & seniors in the community. Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men & the women who love them are welcome. Call Rick Ainslie at 286-6859.
- The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome. Contact Marian Gillanders, 489-3574, for information on meeting location.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3693.
- The Minden Women's Institute – Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.
- Every Wednesday 3 p.m. – Tea at three at Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, 23 York St. Haliburton. A weekly discussion group for adults who like to talk about art. Call Laurie at 457-2330 for info.
- Rails End Gallery – Every Thursday, 1-3 p.m. Members' Open Studio, informal time to paint/draw & commune with fellow artists. Call 457-2330 for cost & info.
- Adult Badminton – Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1785.
- Walk for your health! Began Oct. 1st, inside high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
- Weight Lifting for Mature Adults offered by Community Care – Every Tuesday – with individual evaluations followed up by a specific individual program designed just for you by a Can-Fit Pro certified personal trainer. Call 457-2941 for information. Support is provided from an Government of Ontario Active 2010 grant.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults – offered by Community Care every Thursday with yoga and fitness activities while standing, lying on the floor and sitting in a chair. The instructor is Gail Holeness. Call 457-2941 for more information. Support is provided from an Government of Ontario Active 2010 grant.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Ontario Breast Screening Program - for women 50 years & over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays & Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- Contact Bridge offered by Haliburton Community Care every Mon. afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thurs. afternoon & Cribbage every Fri. afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Ontario Early Years – Drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks, & guest speakers. Call 457-2989.
- Al-Anon Meetings – Are you affected by someone else's drinking- If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance). Haliburton Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Community Care Haliburton County has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously balanced frozen meals on wheels. We have transportation services to get you to medical & other appointments. And we offer an Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of knowing that they can access help at any time, without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.
- Mac user group starting up! Anyone interested in meeting once a month please email: HYDE_M@mail.haliburtondirect.com (Haliburtondance@sympatico.ca in conjunction with macs@work)
- Township of Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all types (experienced or emerging). Call 489-3878.
- If you are a senior 55+ or a physically disabled adult 18+ & want to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. at 1 p.m. & Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or 1-800-461-7656.
- Highlands Squash Club, behind the Haliburton Arena, offers Recreational Squash Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Now until Dec. 20! Racquets for loan or sale. Free lessons for beginners. Membership available. Call Don at 457-2962 or Don at 457-1110.
- TOPS – Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting – Looking for a safe place to discuss real life issues without fear of being judged or condemned- Celebrate Recovery is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Every Wednesday – The Haliburton Highland Twirlers, a modern square dancing group, meets every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. Al Calhoun, the caller, accommodates basic, mainstream & plus dancers. Enjoy the good company as well as the physical & mental exercise. Call Bob Jackson, 457-2552.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Line dancing returns

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

The West Guilford Centre's committee now meets on the fourth Monday of the month in the basement of the Centre so as to not to interfere with the Bingo in the main hall.

Present at the meeting on Nov. 26 were president Carol Stamp, treasurer Lynn Morrison, secretary Susan Norcross, and the following: Sara Burtch and Tanya Sisson, Cheryl Cooper, Alison Daniel (custodian), Perry and Kay Morrison and Logan Roberts, who contributed some new ideas for use of the basement area.

Line dancing has begun on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Centre under instruction of Dawn Boland. Give her a call at 754-9292 for more information.

The meeting on November 26 began with the demonstration and information by Larry Blanchard of the emergency defibrillator, one of the life saving devices eventually to be installed in buildings used by the public throughout the area. Information about the training of the use of the defibrillator will be forthcoming.

Looking ahead, Snow Shuffle, etc. is to be on February 23, 2008.

West Guilford Baptist Church's float in the Santa Clause parade was formed by these people: Nancy Brink as Mary, John Anderson as Joseph, Jamie Anderson as a shepherd, Lewis Anderson as a rabbit, Maura Anderson and Stephanie Zavitz as wise men, and Frazer Zavitz as an angel.

Thanks to all who made the effort on that chilly night, even the handers-out of candy, Carol Sharpley and Jean Henderson.

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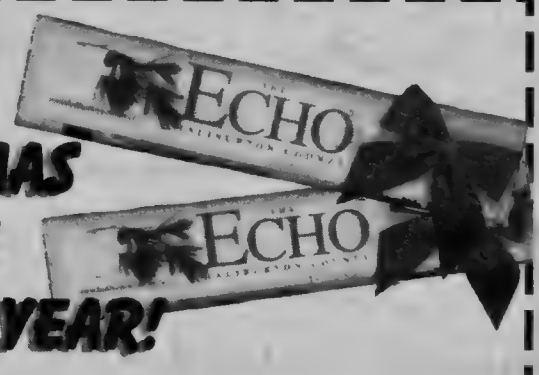

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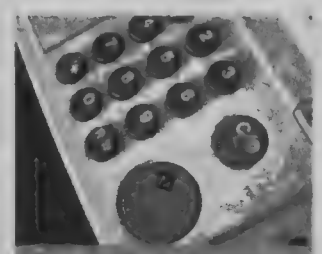

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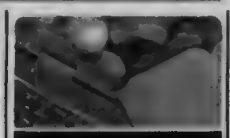

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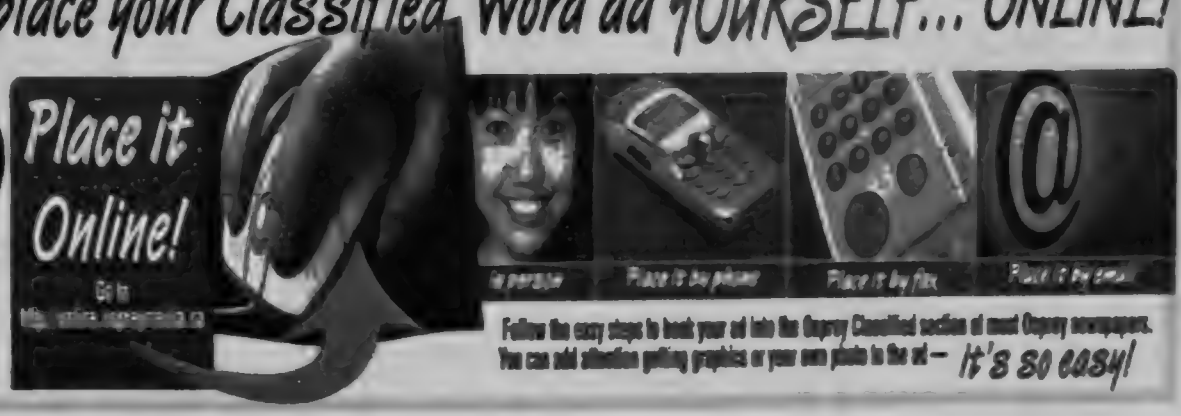

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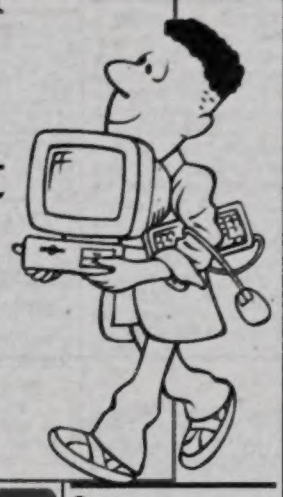

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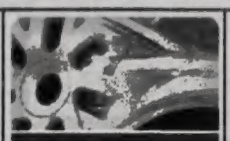

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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Cars A400

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Monday December 10 at 7:30
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Featured Guest Artist
Justin Vanlieshout
Carol Sing-A-Long and Refreshments

Coming Events A940

Benefit Dance for
Mark Hollands & Family
Haliburton Legion
December 8, 2007
9:00pm
Tickets $10 each
Music performed by
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For tickets call
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Coming Events A940

Haliburton County Folk Society
presents
Bob Snider
With Thom Lambert
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Tracey's Bistro and Grill
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Legal Notices A900

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AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 23rd day of November, 2007.

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4 p.m.
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St. Paul's Choir
Elaine Bell, Organist & Choir Director
Erin Stephen, Janice Kiteley, Nicole Jennings, & Travis Stephen
Guest Soloists

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Coming Events A940

Highlands Wind Symphony
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Concert
Featuring Soprano Solo
Cicela Mansson
Monday, December 17th
7:30p.m.
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton
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Adults $10.00 Students $5.
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Coming Events A940

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Christmas Social
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat/Sun Dec. 1 & 2
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General Employment A800

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NOTICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coming Events A940

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10917988

In memoriam

BURK, Norma - In loving memory of my wife Norma who passed away December 6, 2003.

No farewell was spoken
No time to say good-bye
You were gone before I knew it
And only God knows why
It's lonely here without you
I miss you more each day
For life is not the same for me
Since you were called away.

- Forever in my heart, Neil.
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In memoriam

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The feelings you have inside?
Of the emptiness and Heartache,
When our son we loved, has died,
To us he was so special
What more is there to say.
Except to wish with all our hearts
That he was here today.
There's nothing so treasured,
And nothing so rare
As the love for our son, we shared.
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We delivered a closeness,
That grew over the years,
This love we shared
Doesn't need to be spoken.
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That could never be broken
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Words can never express our sincere appreciation for all the kindness and support at our time of loss. Thanks to Elaine Anderson (co-ordinator) and the wonderful caring drivers for the Canadian Cancer Society to Don's many appointments in Toronto. Thank you also to everyone who sent cards, e-mails and phone calls of condolence. Thanks so much to our wonderful friends and neighbours for food, flowers, donations and care to our pets when I was away so much. A special thanks to Murry and Zelda Cooper, Mike & Saundra Legge, Irene Moxam, Audry Northey, Mary Jane Irwin, Michelle St. Germain, and Ann Knight. Thanks to Rev. Max for his kind words and lovely service, and to Kirsten Monk, Barry Gray and staff of the Gord Monk Funeral Home for their kind and compassionate help. Also to the ladies of the U.C.W. for the lovely luncheon after the service and to Doug Schell and the Minden Fire Department for their part in the funeral procession. Thank you again to the many caring friends that Don and our family have in this community.

God Bless each and every one of you

Sincerely,

Diane Booth and family.

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On the passing of June Dawson
(mother of Tom Dawson)

Heartful thanks to Tammy, Cynthia, Lee, Robbie, Marian, Doris, Norm, Pam, Paul, Marg and Simone in keeping June in her home independently. Many thanks to all the staff at Community Care and the Access Centre...you will never know how grateful we are for all your services. To all the people who welcomed June to this wonderful community and took the time to say hello. To Monks funeral home for their caring and support. To our friends and family who made a difficult time a little easier.

Much love - Diane, Tom, Ryan and Kate Dawson

In memoriam

RUSSELL, Harvey Vincent - Veteran of **WWII** Passed away suddenly at home on Wednesday, November 28, 2007. At the age of 86.

Beloved husband of the late Martha Timy (nee Johnston). Dear father of Shiela Tripp of Haliburton. Loving grandfather of Christina Lynne Penhale, Bradley Anthony Tripp, Brandon Alexander Tripp and great grandfather of Zachary. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

In accordance to Russell's wishes, cremation has taken place. Private family arrangements.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

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Card of thanks

I would like to thank Mike Iles for all he has done during our recent loss, staying with my Mother until I could get here and supplying a car for her to attend the Funeral Service. Thanks also to Uncle Dick and Grace, Joe and Jean Iles, Grant and Doreen Rae, Scott Rae and Shirly, Bill and Cheryl, I appreciate all you have done and will do.

Sheila Cole

Card of thanks

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My family and I would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to all those that helped during Les' recent accident. Thanks to Greg and Sandra Bishop who stopped after the accident to help Les. Thanks to Dr. Stephenson and nurses of Haliburton Hospital. Thank to the ambulance attendance, fire department and officer Semach who responded so quickly. A special thanks to Minden Home Hardware who gave money, food and their prayers to us. Thanks to all our friends and family who have been our rock during our recent loss.

God Bless
Sheila, Bob and Corey Cole
Dorothy Iles

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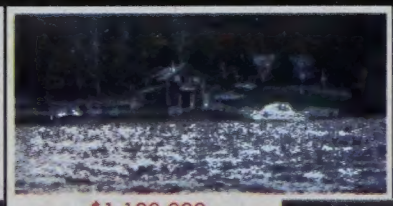

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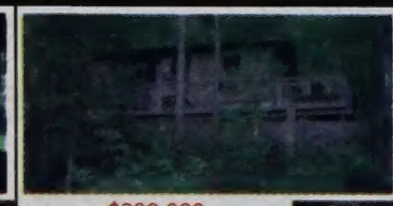

$229,000

Portage Lake: Super cottage, close to Haliburton. Nestled along the sand shoreline w/over 150 ft. of frontage for good privacy. This 3 bdrm, 1 bath, cottage has a great view of the lake, w/a sandy beach, & deep water off the end of the dock. Off a yr.-rnd township road.

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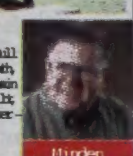
$209,000

Gull River: A short distance up from Gull Lake. A delightful 3 bdrm cottage, 4 pc. bath, w/o master, Geac kitchen, FP, air tight, main floor laundry, new roof, freshly painted, level lot, hard sand w/shallow entry, completely winterized & 2 km to Minden.

Call Fred Chapple



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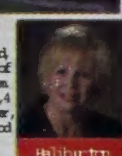
$84,900

1.15 ac property. Located on a yr.-rnd. road, less than 10 min. from the amenities of Minden Village & has plenty of space. 2 bdrm. home, huge front deck, perennial gardens, 4 pc. bathroom w/stackable washer & dryer, open kit./DR area, cozy LR w/laminate wood flooring.

Call Deb Daneau



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$199,900

Charming Country Home: Situated on 3.65 acres with a mixture of field & forest. The log portion of the home is full of history & charm while the addition provides a modern touch which oath. ceiling, new kit., bathroom w/whirlpool type tub & a loft for whatever you have in mind.

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$259,000

Big Struggle Lake: This newly renovated 3 bdrm. cottage offers stylish comfort w/open concept kit./DR/LR, & hardwood floors providing over 1200 sq. ft. w/spacious room design. Patio doors lead to an oversized deck all situated on a treed lot for added privacy.

Call Rick Forget & Tom Fevreau

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$144,900

In-Town Home: This cute 2 bdrm home is right in the heart of Minden, has it all. Nice covered porch, guest side deck, jacuzzi tub, pine cupboards & tiled flrs in the kit. & foyer, MF laundry & a guest corner lot.

Call Lenor Fulton

Minden

Lenor Fulton • Ext 23 • 286-2911

$1,350,000

Lake Kashagawigamog: 5000 plus sq ft 6B/Ba, Post & Beam architectural masterpiece dominates this luscious 65 acre groomed forest with its 5 km of cut trails & offers 180 filtered panoramic views of lake & forest. Dock & dock at lake. Geothermal heating system & 2 dbl GARS.

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$249,500

Country Estate-Minden: Unique, one of a kind custom built home on 8.8 acres. Feat: 3 lg bdrms, stone FP, spacious country kit., 2 full baths, fml w/o bsmt. Immediate poss. Ideal for a family home, Bed & Breakfast or home based studio! Vendor says sell! Was $268,500 – Now $249,500. Check out www.BillKulas.com.

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$239,500

Sellers Re-Locating – Motivated to Sell!: Spacious 3+1 bdrm brick home w/att. gge, conveniently located between Haliburton & Minden on 1.43 acres w/lg pool. Feat's an 14pc & 1-3pc bath, lg country kit. w/island & pantry, comfy LR w/brick f/insert, flagstone foyer w/lg walk-in closet. Fabulous custom wood firing throughout. Lg family rm with w/o. Newer windows, furnace & oil tank.

Call Debra Lambe

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$225,000

Cheddar Road: Charm & beauty are present in this 3 bdrm restored historical building. Looking for a private getaway or a hunting lodge, then this is the property for you with 197 plus acres which abut Crown land & has roads & trails throughout.

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Haliburton

Ken Barry* • Ext 228 • 457-1011

$369,900

Cranberry Lake: Extremely well maintained & cared for home or cottage with full, finished w/o bsmt. 150' of frontage on a gently sloping, private south facing lot located on a year round township road.

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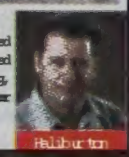

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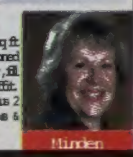
$179,900

Awesome Shop: Lg shop built in '97 over 1000 sq ft set on 2.15 acres with two entrances zoned Commercial. Feat's slick maintenance free exterior, fml, modern septic, drilled well & aluminum fascia & soffit. Building has 16 ft ceiling, 12 ft industrial door plus 2 more doors. Well insulated w/thermopane windows & security system.

Call Denise LeBlanc



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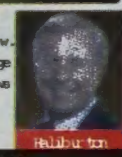
Denise LeBlanc •

$339,000

Soyers Lake: Amazing panoramic view. Partially winterized 3 bdrm cottage with large boathouse, pine lining room, lots of windows overlake, many extras.

Call Richard Moritz



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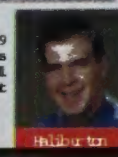
Newly constructed home: Home on 6.79 ac. lk. Very private and well treed. Features large master ensuite with jacuzzi tub, fml, unfinished basement. Finish to taste, great location.

Call Erin Nicholls



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$127,000

Wilberforce Charming country home with 1200 sq ft living space. Nine steps to 2 Lake Chain public access. Spacious yard, 1 1/2 attached garage, dr. well & septic. Minutes to local amenities. Great starter home or investment.

Call Karen Kingon

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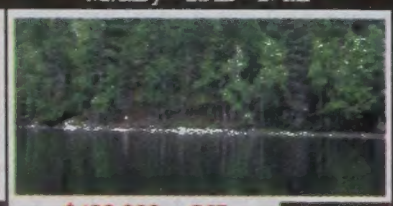
Karen Kingon • Ext 224 • 457-1011



$499,000 + GST

Exclusive Waterfront Acreage. 825 ft. of private S/W exposure, sand/rock shoreline, 61 acres, driveway in, site partially cleared for easy building, host to Haliburton Lakes A Fern Find!

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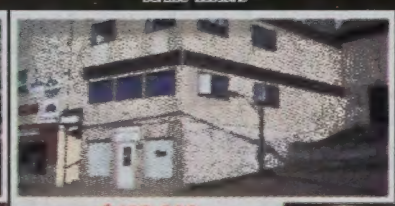

$499,900

Income Potential: Highland/York St. commercial bldg. w/over 6000 sq. ft. of space. Inc. 2 commercial units, 4 apts. & large storage area. All 6 units are presently rented, & hydro is separately metered. York Street side takes in a panoramic view over Head Lake, w/packaged.

Call Elizabeth Thompson

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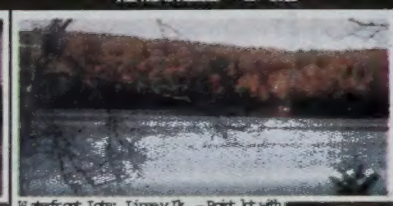
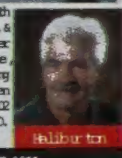


Waterfront Lots: Lipsey Lk. – Point lot with 538 ft. of shoreline & 15 acres, south exp. & beautiful sunsets, asking $350,000.; Growder Lk. – Level point lot w/212 ft. of shoreline, ready for building, south exp. yr.-rnd. rd, asking $179,000; Gull River – Bldy. lot between Maple & Green Lakes on Wandering Lane, 102 ft. x 618 ft. deep, 1.25 acres, asking $89,900.

Call Ted Vasey



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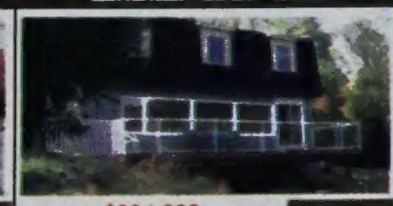
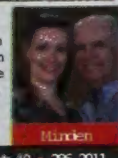


$324,999

Kushog Lake: Fantastic four season cottage with 300+ feet of sand frontage on Kushog. Feat's of the property incl: propane FP, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, w/o dining area, numerous decks, & lots of level play area!

Call Melanie Vigneux & Doug Brown



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